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ADANI GROUP, EMBRAER TO SET UP AIRCRAFT-MAKING FACILITY IN INDIA

Adani Group and Brazilian major Embraer on Tuesday announced a strategic tie-up to set up a regional aircraft manufacturing facility in India

ON THE ROAD TO MANUFACTURING HUB

Embraer makes commercial jets with up to 150 seats. Details about the investments and the location of the proposed facility were not disclosed. Civil Aviation Secretary Samir Kumar Sinha said the collaboration is not just about assembling a regional aircraft but also about technology transfer, skilling, supply chain and making India a manufacturing hub | **P13**

INDIA WILL NEED 500 AIRCRAFT IN 20 YEARS

- The Indian market is expected to require at least 500 aircraft in the 80 to 146 seat range over the next 20 years, Embraer said on Tuesday
- The venture with the Adani Group will be a major fillip for the Brazilian major in India's civil aviation space. Adani Defence & Aerospace President & CEO Ashish Rajvanshi called it a "watershed"

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AIRCRAFT FROM EMBRAER'S STABLE IN SERVICE CURRENTLY IN INDIA

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TEXTILE SECTOR

Big boost for exporters to take on competition

The textile sector could be the biggest winner as the FTA will correct the tariff disadvantage faced by exporters against Bangladesh, Pakistan & Turkey in the 27-nation bloc | **P13**

EUROPEAN CARS

Cheaper imported cars but conditions apply

Prices of imported cars are likely to come down after India agreed to cut duty to 10% for 2.5 lakh vehicles a year. However, no price cut for brands that already have plants in India | **P13**

MOBILITY PACT

Indian professionals, students to benefit

The mobility pact will open up opportunities for students and professionals in EU by streamlining migration, skilling, and easing movement of skilled workers | **P13**

CARBON TAX

No EU relief on carbon tax as CBAM stays

The Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism—a key sticking point during talks—has been kept out of the FTA. India has secured a forward-looking most-favoured-nation assurance from EU | **P13**

INDO-PACIFIC

Mega defence and security pact inked

India and EU on Tuesday sealed a defence pact that will provide for counter-terror cooperation, deeper engagement in the Indo-Pacific, and joint development of military hardware | **P9**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with European Council President Antonio Costa (left) and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen | PTI

WE DID IT!

INDIA AND EUROPEAN UNION ANNOUNCE LANDMARK FREE TRADE AGREEMENT; 99% OF INDIA'S EXPORTS TO GET DUTY-FREE ACCESS TO 27 EUROPEAN NATIONS

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

INDIA and the European Union (EU) on Tuesday announced the landmark free trade agreement (FTA), paving the way for duty-free access for 99% of Indian exports to the lucrative 27-nation European market. In return, India has offered significant market access to EU goods.

The FTA is expected to provide relief to India's labour-intensive sectors that have been under pressure due to US tariffs. With negotiations concluded, the agreement is likely to be signed later this year, the commerce ministry said.

Calling it India's largest FTA to date, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the pact would deliver substantial benefits for the country's 1.4 billion people. "The historic agreement will make access to European markets easier for our farmers and small industries, create new opportunities in manufacturing, and further strengthen cooperation between our services sectors," Modi said.

India will gain preferential access to the European market across 97% of tariff lines, covering 99.5% of trade value. Key labour-intensive sectors—textiles, apparel, marine products, leather, footwear, chemicals, plastics & rubber, sports goods, toys, and gems & jewellery—accounting for $33 billion in exports will see import duties ranging between 4% and 26% eliminated from the date the agreement comes into force.

The government has clarified that safeguards have been built in to protect sensitive sectors such as dairy, cereals, poultry, soymeal, and certain fruits and vegetables.

According to the European Commission, the pact will phase out high tariffs on select EU agri-food exports such as olive oil, processed foods, sheep meat, beverages and fruits, while India's sensitive agricultural sectors remain protected. EU sanitary and food safety standards will remain intact, with no exemptions for Indian exports.

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal described the pact as balanced and equitable. "By leaving sensitive issues aside, we have arrived at a fair and win-win free trade agreement for industries in both India and the EU. It opens up a plethora of opportunities for investment and access to complementary markets," he said.

Among the biggest beneficiaries is the textile sector. Goyal estimated that India's textile exports to the EU could surge from $7 billion to $35 billion, generating 7 million new jobs.

Meanwhile, India will liberalise 92.1% of its tariff lines, covering 97.5% of EU exports by value. India will sharply cut some of its highest import duties, bringing car tariffs down from as much as 110% to as low as 10%, halving levies on European wines from 150% and eventually reducing it to 20%, and eliminating duties of up to 44% on machinery.

The two sides also announced a security and defence partnership and a broader strategic agenda, as Europe looks to reduce its reliance on the US and China. The partnership aims to deepen cooperation and improve defence interoperability.

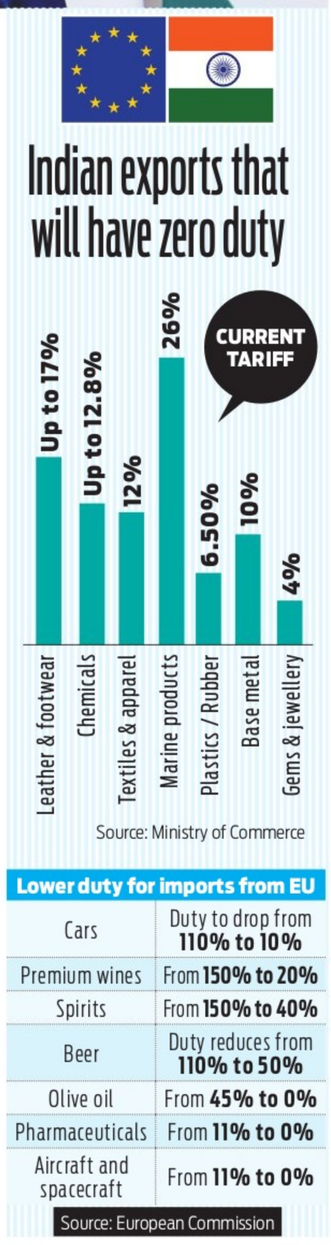
"Today, the world's two largest democracies launched a Security and Defence Partnership—a platform for stronger cooperation on strategic issues that matter most, from defence industry to maritime security," said European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen.

This agreement will facilitate easier access for our farmers and small enterprises to European markets, create new opportunities in manufacturing, and strengthen cooperation across services sectors

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

This is the tale of two giants... who choose partnership in a true win-win fashion, a strong message that cooperation is the best answer to global challenges

EU chief Ursula von der Leyen



Lower duty for imports from EU

Cars	Duty to drop from **110% to 10%**
Premium wines	From **150% to 20%**
Spirits	From **150% to 40%**
Beer	Duty reduces from **110% to 50%**
Olive oil	From **45% to 0%**
Pharmaceuticals	From **11% to 0%**
Aircraft and spacecraft	From **11% to 0%**

Source: European Commission

'No G RAM G Act rollback': Oppn demand rejected

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

THE government on Tuesday rejected the Opposition's demand for discussions on the VB-G RAM G Act in the Budget session of Parliament beginning Wednesday, with Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju saying that there will be "no reversing the gear once the law is before the country". The minister also ruled out discussion on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voter rolls, asserting that both the issues had already been debated by both Houses.

Rijiju made these remarks after an all-party meeting convened by the government. During the meeting, Opposition members, including the Congress' Jairam Ramesh and John Brittas of the CPI(M), also objected to the non-circulation of government business for the session, which the minister said would be done in due course. The Opposition demanded structured discussion on a range of issues, including the restoration of the UPA-era MGNREGA, the ongoing SIR, India's foreign policy, and the controversy over new UGC guidelines.

Budget focus

Speaking to the media, Rijiju said that as per parliamentary rules, discussions during the Budget session should primarily revolve around the Budget

The government, however, maintained that the primary focus of the Budget session would be the Budget itself, and said members could raise other issues during the debate on the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address.

On the Opposition's contentions on the VB-G RAM G bill, which was passed by Parliament during the Winter Session, the minister said, "Once a law is before the nation, we have to follow it."

While the government suggested that members can discuss the issues during the Motion of Thanks, Brittas objected, insisting on structured discussions that would allow replies from concerned ministers. He argued that discussions during the Motion of Thanks are limited and do not meet the demand for detailed debate.

Several Opposition MPs from the DMK, Trinamool Congress (TMC), and Left parties demanded a detailed discussion on the SIR, particularly in poll-bound states. Rijiju, however, ruled out another debate on the issue, saying it had already been discussed extensively during earlier debates on election reforms in both Houses. "If they seek another discussion, it will be uncalled," he told reporters.

Sources said several members also raised concerns over the UGC's new regulations aimed at addressing caste-based discrimination in higher education institutions. Speaking to the media, Azad Samaj Party (Kanshiram) president and MP Chandrashekhar Azad defended the new guidelines, saying they were framed in response to rising incidents of discrimination.

EXPRESS READ

CM loses cool as Cong workers chant 'DK, DK'

Bengaluru: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday lost his cool as party workers chanted "DK, DK", hailing DCM DK Shivakumar, just before he could begin his address at a Congress protest against the VB-G RAM G. He asked the workers to sit down, but when the chants grew louder, he asked angrily, "Who are those shouting DK, DK?" | **P4**

Infosys tightens work-from-home policy

Bengaluru: IT major Infosys has made its work-from-home policy stricter, similar to steps already taken by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and Wipro, according to reports. The company has set a limit on extra work-from-home days. Employees can now take a maximum of five extra remote days in a quarter | **P7**

SC for attaching assets of acid attack convicts

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Tuesday sought "extraordinary" punitive measures for convicts in acid attack cases, asked the Centre to consider amending the law to strictly deal with them on the lines of dowry death matters where the onus of proving innocence lies on the accused.

A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and justices R Mahadevan and Joymalya Bagchi, while hearing a PIL filed by acid attack survivor Shaheen Malik, from Haryana, seeking recognition and statutory protection for victims, asked states and Union Territories to provide information about the number of acid attack cases in which charge sheets were filed in trial courts.

"Why assets of acid attack accused persons should not be attached? If a person is found guilty of acid attack, why all his immoveable assets be not acquired and used to compensate victim? You have to take some extraordinary punitive measures. Unless action is so painful, deterrent theory must be followed here," the bench observed.

In this particular case, the survivor's lawyer submitted that all the accused in the survivor's case have been acquitted and she was forced to file a criminal appeal.

The top court also asked all states and Union territories to provide a slew of information, including the year-wise details of the number of acid attack cases, their status in courts, besides the rehabilitation measures to support the victims.

The bench asked high courts to consider expediting and concluding matters concerning acid attacks in a time-bound manner on an out-of-turn basis. "All State Legal Services Authorities are to submit schemes, implemented for compensation or medical aid to the victims of acid attacks," the bench said.

DHONI
BEGINS PREPARATIONS FOR IPL IN RANCHI

With a few SS bats delivered to him as per his liking, ex-India and CSK captain started net sessions at the JSCA Sports Complex ahead of the 2026 edition | **P15**

Netas from all parties behind sand mining: Dr G

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HOME Minister G Parameshwara admitted in the Assembly on Tuesday that many big people from across political parties are involved in illegal sand mining, but he expressed his helplessness in curbing the menace. "Illegal sand mining is a big racket. I am not giving any explanation or naming anyone, as it is a little embarrassing. I have given only a restricted answer, but it involves many influential people. I will call a meeting to discuss the issue," he said.

Devadurga JDS MLA Karemma raised the issue during the question hour. "There have been many cases of illegal sand mining, matka, gambling and thefts in Raichur district. Sand is mined from the Krishna river basin continuously at night. Farmers complain that because of sand mining, dust settles on their crop and damages it. The special task force has remained only in name. There are no CCTV cameras or registries at checkposts to monitor the movement of these vehicles, which have caused many deaths on the road." **P6**

All GPs to be named after Mahatma: CM

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday said all gram panchayats across Karnataka will be named after Mahatma Gandhi, and it will be announced in the upcoming state budget.

Addressing party workers at the 'Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGA) Bachao Sangram' and ahead of the 'Lok Bhavan Chalo', at Freedom Park, he said the Centre replacing Viksit Bharat - Gram Rozgar Ajeevika Mission - Guarantee (VB-G RAM G) with MNREGA is unconstitutional and an attack on the poor.

"Under MNREGA, each gram panchayat used to get Rs 1 crore annually, and the poor, especially women, were assured of 100 days of work in a year. But this has been taken away," he said and added that the Centre's move is at the behest of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). **P4**

MOVING ON

Not Rihaa, but Arijit retires from playback singing

HARSH B H @ Mumbai

NATIONAL award-winning singer Arijit Singh on Tuesday shocked fans the world over by announcing his retirement from playback singing in a series of posts on social media.

Thanking his fans for giving him love for 15 years, Arijit wrote, "I am happy to announce that I am not gonna be taking any new assignments as a playback vocalist from now on. I am calling it off. It was a wonderful journey. There are several reasons behind this. I have been trying to do this for a long time, but finally got the right courage. I got bored. I need to do some other music to live."

The renowned singer, however, did clarify that he will continue to be active as a musician. "Just to be clear, I won't stop making music. God has been really kind to me. I am a fan of good music and in future will be learning more and doing more on my own as a small little artist. Thanks again for all your support," he stated.

Music lovers and the industry continue to speculate on the reasons behind this drastic and one-of-a-kind step from Arijit, who has been one of the most active and prolific playback singers in the industry. According to sources, he had been having some conflicts with music labels over several issues, including royalty and copyright.

Arijit was one of the few film artists who were vocal on several issues. The singer famously had a fallout with Salman Khan after he remarked on the actor's hosting at an award show. For many years, Arijit did not give playback vocals for Salman, breaking the streak only with *Tiger 3* in 2023.

Arijit has constantly found himself in the Top 10 list of top global artists on popular music streaming platforms, and it is expected that his independent music career might finally give the Indian indie music scene a much-needed fillip.

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- **Wednesday:** 28.01.2026
- **Year:** Vishwavasu
- **Ayana:** Uttharayana
- **Ritu:** Sisira
- **Masa:** Magha
- **Paksha:** Sukla
- **Tithi:** Dasami 2.21 pm
- **Nakshatra:** Krithika 7.38 am
- **Moon in** Mithuna Rashi
- **Rahukaala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm
- **Gulikakala:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
- **Yamaganda:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am

WEATHER

MIN 14°C | MAX 30°C

FORECAST Breaks of sun late

Sunrise 06.46 am | Sunset 06.19 pm | Moonrise 01.39 pm | Moonset 02.00 am

Citizens urge PM, CM to speed up Suburban Rail

Seek strong budgetary allocation and facilitation of land acquisition

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A CITIZENS' body from Bengaluru has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, seeking urgent intervention to expedite Corridor-1 (C1) of the Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project (BSRP), citing severe delays in what they describe as a much-needed but much-delayed project.

In letters addressed to both leaders, Citizens for Citizens (C4C) said BSRP is expected to significantly impact the quality of life of about 2 crore people living in and around Bengaluru. The forum thanked the Prime Minister for reviewing the project on the Pragati platform on December 31, 2025, and directing authorities to speed up execution.

The body pointed out that when the BSRP was sanctioned in October 2020, the most vital corridor connecting the heart of Bengaluru with the airport was prioritised for completion within 36 months. However, 63 months after sanction, on-ground work on Corridor-1 has not yet begun. They noted that the latest target set by K-RIDE for completion of the corridor is March 2030, which would mean 113 months from the date of sanction instead of the originally planned 36 months.

Calling the revised timeline beyond comprehension and acceptability in today's age, the forum said that under dynamic governance and strong leadership, a 10-year period from sanction was unjustifiable. The letter to the Chief Minister also noted that the project is being executed by K-RIDE, in which the Karnataka government holds a 51 per cent stake, and that even the Directorate of Urban Land Transport had earlier said that Corridor-1 must be prioritised.

C4C said that by now, all permissions and planning for Corridor-1 should be in place and the remaining challenges relate only to land acquisition and funding. The group sought strong budgetary allocation in the upcoming budget and facilitation of land acquisition, along with directions to complete the corridor within the next 24 months.

Expressing confidence that January 2028 is "100 per cent doable" for commissioning Corridor-1 with timely intervention, the citizens urged both leaders to issue necessary directions so that Bengaluru gets a reliable, eco-friendly, economic, safe, comfortable, inclusive, efficient and effective public transport link between the city and airport, without further undue delays.

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— Citizens for Citizens

Metro could be extended to Doddaballapur

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THE possibility of extending the Metro to Doddaballapur is under discussion, Revenue Minister Krishna Byregowda told the Assembly on Monday. Replying on behalf of Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar, he said the government plans to revise the existing Comprehensive Mobility Plan (CMP), in which Metro connectivity to Doddaballapur can be included.

Doddaballapur MLA Dheeraj Muniraju, who raised the issue during question hour, said Doddaballapur is growing rapidly and is now part of Bengaluru Rural district. After the State government announced the 5400-acre KWIN (Knowledge, Well-Being and Innovation) City, and with Foxconn company now functional, over 45,000 people are working here. Builders are coming up and starting new layouts. "There was a proposal to start Metro service from Yelahanka to Doddaballapur via Rajanukunte in the Comprehensive Mobility Plan 2020, with 26km of Metro connectivity," he said.

Byregowda said there is no proposal to include Doddaballapur in the CMP due to development and more industrial areas coming up in and around Doddaballapur. "At present, Metro 2A, 2B lines are coming up till Kempegowda International Airport, and work is expected to be completed by end of 2027. There is a discussion on taking the same line from Yelahanka to Doddaballapur. Meanwhile, the government has approved Metro Phase 3 and 3A, but the line to Doddaballapur is not included in these phases either.

Byregowda said the CMP will be revised, and there has been a change in Bengaluru since it was last made. "The government has taken up CMP revision now, and will refer Doddaballapur line to the CMP expert committee. The committee will give a report on what is to be taken up after Phase 3 and 3A, all his (Dheeraj's) proposals will be included," the minister said.

LUCKY PATIENT

An ambulance makes its way on a flyover that was surprisingly free of the usual bumper-to-bumper traffic like the slow-moving vehicles on the road below, near Hebbal on Ballari Road on Tuesday | VINOD KUMAR T

Foresters join Customs to handle wildlife cases at KIA

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TO handle increasing cases of wildlife cases being reported at Kempegowda International Airport, Customs officials are now getting expert support from the Karnataka forest department.

From January 26, a team of four forest personnel has been working in shifts with Customs officials in scrutinising and analysing all items passing through the security check for domestic and international travel.

This initiative came to fruition after nearly two-and-a-half months of discussion. Now, cases will be booked against violaters under the Customs Act and Wildlife Protection Act, said Deputy Conservator of Forests (Bengaluru Rural Division) G Santosh Kumar on Tuesday.

Following the launch of the partnership, the Customs has also handed over its cases registered since January 2025 to the forest department. As per data, in the last one year, around 22 cases have been booked by the Customs for illegal import and export of wild animals -- mainly from South East Asian countries like Thailand and Malaysia. As per data, there were 19 cases of import from January 2025 till date, and three export cases from August-November 2025. A forest official said no export cases have been recorded since November last year.

A baby Siamang Gibbon seized by Customs officials at KIA last year

Kumar said the Customs has handed over all the pending cases to the department for further investigation.

On the reason for the rise in cases, officials attributed this to the large number of direct flights to and from KIA and other countries. "The airport is also close to the Andhra Pradesh border. The city is also well connected and close to neighbouring Tamil Nadu and Kerala. Bengaluru has also become a pet hub. People have started to show interest in owning exotic and endangered species. Thus the demand is increasing and so are the seizures," an official said.

Kumar said in the coming days, they will also partner with their counterparts in Andhra Pradesh and Crime Control Bureau in Chennai to expand their network.

Rao seeks more time for verification of voter lists

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GREATER Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Chief Commissioner and District Election Officer Maheshwar Rao on Tuesday directed the Election Department to write to the State Election Commission for extension of time for door-to-door verification of voters' lists ahead of the GBA Municipal Corporation elections.

On Tuesday, he met representatives of political parties on the instructions given in the revised circular of the State Election Commission on the publication of ward-wise draft voter lists for five municipal corporations. He said, "Representatives of political parties requested that names of voters in an Assembly constituency, spread over many wards, are not repeated in different wards.

The draft voters' list was published on January 19, 2026 in connection with the GBA elections, and the State Election Commission released the revised schedule on January 22, 2026.

The State Election Commission directed that there should be one polling booth for a maximum of 1,500 voters. Polling booths will be set up in all wards as per voter numbers, said a senior official.

Leaders of political parties were told to give a list of booth-level agents in the 5 city corporations immediately, and that in case of any complaints, commissioners of respective urban corporations can be contacted directly and a complaint can be filed.

First land compensation for BCC handed out

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THE long-pending Bengaluru Business Corridor (BBC) project, envisioned as a game-changer for the city's future connectivity, crossed an important milestone on Tuesday with the successful distribution of its first land acquisition compensation cheque.

The project, aimed at easing traffic movement between the city and its peripheral areas, has formally entered the compensation phase of land acquisition. The first beneficiary, Asif Ali Niyaz, who gave up 4 guntas of his land for the project, received two cheques of Rs 28.80 lakh each, amounting to a total compensation of Rs 57.60 lakh.

Officials stated that the process to acquire the remaining 33 guntas of land owned by him is also under way through the Transferable Development Rights (TDR).

The officials described the development as a strong foundation for a new chapter in Bengaluru's infrastructure growth and long-term urban mobility planning.

R-DAY IN CITY

RWF holds sports competitions

The Railway Wheel Factory celebrated the 77th Republic Day on Monday. Railway Wheel Factory Principal Chief Material Manager Trilok Kothari hoisted the national flag. Kothari said India is fortunate to have the guidance of visionary leaders like Dr B R Ambedkar and Jawaharlal Nehru, who drafted the Constitution. Kothari also distributed prizes to the winners of various inter-departmental sports competitions conducted by the RWF staff association. **ENS**

Grand fete at school

The Republic Day celebrations were held at Sri Vidyalakshmi International Public School in Anjananagar, BEL Layout. Principal HG Siddalingayya said since its inception, the school has been celebrating all national festivals in a traditional and grand manner. He added that such celebrations help instil a sense of unity, harmony, and togetherness among children, without any discrimination. Secretary Mangala Siddalingayya also spoke. **ENS**

Song & dance at Canara Bank

Canara Bank celebrated the 77th Republic Day across all its offices and branches. CEO Hardeep Singh Ahluwalia addressed employees of the bank on the occasion and reaffirmed the bank's commitment to the values enshrined in the Constitution of India. Executive directors Bhavendra Kumar and Sunil Kumar Chugh were also present. In his address, Ahluwalia paid tributes to the architects of the Constitution and the freedom fighters of the nation. As part of the celebrations, cultural programmes were organised by the employees of the bank. **ENS**

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

28th January : Triple Trines The triple trines to Aquarius luminaries keep the felicity moving. If this existence were a city, it would be aptly named "Temporary" and given an erratically changing zip code. The impermanence isn't a flaw but a feature helping us inhabit the moments fully, aware that our experiences are fleeting, unique and will never come in quite the same way twice.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
You've been around hard people and known the cold pain of emotional indifference. Your capacity for kindness has been earned with firsthand experience of emotionally barren situations. Now your warmth changes everything for someone.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
Questions arise. What's the cost of attention, approval and affection? It's different in different relationships. Sometimes it seems much more expensive than it's worth. Often the currencies are subtle. Does the trade itself negate the presence of real love?

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
Don't waste time where red flags are flying. There are so many people of stellar character you haven't met yet. Keep moving. You deserve to be around people who support, uplift and inspire your trust on every front.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
There's a common belief that focusing on personal goals leads to happiness, yet shared effort and contribution often produce deeper, longer-lasting joy. Helping or collaborating with others will uplift you in the moment, and the good feelings linger.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
You like someone. Your goal isn't just to understand the piece of them you interact with. You already know their work role or public persona. You're more interested in what motivates them. One thoughtful question can start that deeper connection.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
You're doing well, but it's OK to want to be doing even better. People who have your best interest at heart are fine with this. A transformation is happening now, albeit slowly. Keep focusing on what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
The vague restlessness of the day has you up and out, looking for somewhere to apply your energy that will keep you engaged, responsible and involved. Meaningful tasks will quiet an uneasy feeling and put you back on course.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
Power and efficiency go hand-in-hand. Today sees you doing less but doing it well and creating a greater effect than overcomplicating or overextending yourself. Minimalism makes your world simply beautiful and keeps you from getting bogged down.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Your internal weather produces states that come and go on their own. To argue with a feeling or force a mood only drains energy without changing much. You conserve energy just watching emotions drift like clouds across your sky inside.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
You don't always stop when you feel tired, because you know you have reserves that will kick in after you've spent everything in the tank. When it's important enough, you can push through, and you'll be met on the other side.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
It clicks in. The plan comes together. You love the feeling of finally understanding a complex situation or making sense of the unknown. Your whole being lights up and you feel swept into the wholeness of life itself.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
The contrast between curiosity and conviction is sharp today. Self-righteousness signals psychological danger. Certainty can harden positions. The most reasonable and accurate arguments are aware of their own ignorance. Stay open.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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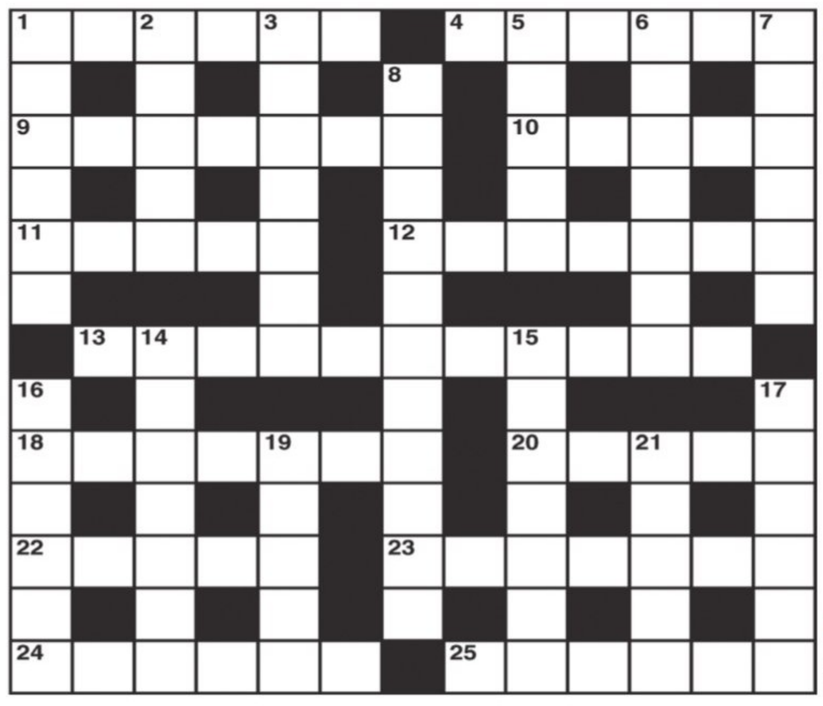

CROSS WORD

ACROSS

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4 One can't stand being depicted (6)
9 Available to discuss out of doors (4-3)
10 Girl whose first date is a fool (5)
11 Great envy gnawed away at the heart (5)
12 Regards unrefined metal as a blot on the landscape (7)
13 It means your appetite was good all right (7,4)
18 Somebody incompetent (7)
20 He used to work thirteen to the dozen (5)
22 Feature on a foreign land (5)
23 Recoils from psychiatrists (7)
24 A joint stake (6)
25 One involved in replay (6)

DOWN

1 Island's anchorage in the sound (6)
2 Exercise around meadow and fold (5)
3 Dependable way to limit bloodshed (7)
5 Far from pleased I indulge in abuse (5)
6 Stop the operation and cause loss of interest (4,3)
7 Wave - or wave-maker (6)
8 Safe deanery constructed without ceremony (4-3-4)
14 I used to play in the garden (7)
15 Generous in providing a form of Braille (7)
16 Prepared bites in tins are returned to Kansas (6)
17 It lets a writer get rid of unwanted characters (6)
19 Second-class track event or two (5)
21 Eccentric relationship with Kentucky (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Bowline, 5 Cupid, 8 Indispensable, 9 Flora, 10 Evening, 11 Litter, 12 Anchor, 15 Cremate, 17 Colts, 19 Featherbedded, 20 Rakes, 21 Carry on.

Down: 1 Brief, 2 Wide of the mark, 3 In spate, 4 Eleven, 5 Caste, 6 Public holiday, 7 Dredger, 11 Lucifer, 13 Nuclear, 14 Metric, 16 Athos, 18 Sedan.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

HAEYN

CIYTH

BSTMIU

VJLAIO

Buster! You know I'll catch you! I always do!
JURR REAL PET SUPPLIES
THE DOG WAS SPOTTED STEALING FROM THE PET STORE, AND SECURITY WAS ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: ( ) ( ) ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: YOUTH ESSAY GUITAR CLINCH
Answer: During the Middle Ages, this tailor specialized in armor for knights. It was his — STRONG SUIT

Speaking to the media in Pune on Tuesday, Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries HD Kumaraswamy said, "The India–EU Free Trade Agreement is truly the mother of all deals. I sincerely appreciate PM Narendra Modi for his visionary leadership in making this historic agreement possible. This agreement will benefit India and open new avenues for trade, investment, technology collaboration and industrial growth."

NEW YEAR MURDER

Row over matchbox ends in murder

CCTV footage helps nab real killers, relief for friend; victim was thrown off second floor

RAKSHITH GOWDA @Bengaluru

IN a classic case of mistaken identity, a 25-year-old youth was detained by the police for allegedly killing his friend. However, CCTV footage came to his rescue as probe later revealed that four people, including a minor, had killed the victim after he refused to buy a matchbox.

The incident took place in Vinayaka Nagar of Bashettahalli village in Doddaballapura Rural police station limits.

The police said the deceased, Sumantha Jamindar (23), and his friend, Nikhil (25), both natives of Odisha, worked at a factory. They were partying at Nikhil's house on New Year's Eve and later stepped out for a walk around 12.30 am on January 1.

Accused Suraj Ram; Ujval Prasad; Prince

During this time, four persons on the road asked them for a matchbox. When they replied that they did not have one, the accused allegedly asked Jamindar to bring a matchbox for them. An argument broke out, during which the accused allegedly assaulted them. They dragged Jamindar to a nearby house, and pushed him from the second floor, leading to his death. Meanwhile, Nikhil fled the scene, and the accused also escaped.

The police said residents alerted them in the morning about a body lying near the house, following which they learnt that it was a case of murder. During the investigation, the police collected details of the victim and found that Jamindar and Nikhil had been partying the previous night. The police also found bloodstains on Nikhil's clothes, his phone was switched off, and he was absconding. As the police initially had no information about the fight, and there were no eyewitnesses or other evidence, the needle of suspicion pointed towards Nikhil. Further, Jamindar's relative filed a case suspecting Nikhil of killing his friend.

A senior police officer said that the investigators believed that Nikhil had killed his friend. The police focused on tracing him and he was later nabbed at Visakhapatnam.

During interrogation, Nikhil pleaded innocence and narrated how four others had assaulted them for refusing to buy a matchbox and the four accused threatened to kill him if he revealed the murder. Out of fear, he had fled to his native place.

Further analysis of CCTV footage revealed the presence of the accused at the spot, following which they were arrested. The accused have been identified as Ujwal Prasad (29), Suraj Ram (24), Prince (26), and a 17-year-old school dropout. All of them are factory workers and natives of Uttar Pradesh, and had been staying in Bengaluru for the past 20 years.

TRICOLOUR PRIDE

Bengaluru's iconic Vidhana Soudha illuminated as part of the 77th Republic Day celebtation on Tuesday | VINOD KUMAR T

Six OBG specialists to join Vani Vilas on contract

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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IN view of a shortage of specialist doctors at Vani Vilas Hospital following recent transfers, the Health and Family Welfare department has ordered the recruitment of six Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (OBG) on contract basis under National Health Mission (NHM).

According to a proposal from the Commissioner, steps are being taken to strengthen comprehensive obstetric services at Ghosha Hospital under Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College and Research Centre, and at Vani Vilas Hospital under Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute. As part of this exercise, four obstetricians and gynaecologists from Vani Vilas Hospital were transferred to Ghosha Hospital.

The transfer led to a shortage of specialists at Vani Vilas Hospital, which manages a heavy patient load of around 400 outpatients and 120 inpatients every day. The hospital also receives referrals from several districts, increasing workload and the need for specialist care. In view of the pressure on existing staff and requirement to ensure uninterrupted obstetric and gynaecological services, the Medical Superintendent of Vani Vilas Hospital sought approval for additional specialist appointments.

After examining the proposal, the department ordered that six posts of obstetricians and gynaecologists be filled on contract basis under the NHM scheme, in accordance with prescribed rules and guidelines. The salary and related expenses of the appointed specialists will be borne entirely from NHM funds.

EXPRESS READ

Bike-borne robbers loot jewellery store

BENGALURU: Three bike-borne men robbed a jewellery store at gunpoint near the Dasanapura Bus Stand in Madanayakanahalli police station limits on Tuesday evening. Police said around 5.30 pm, the three accused arrived on two motorcycles, threatened three people present in the shop with a gun, and robbed 30 gram of gold jewellery worth Rs 4.5 lakh along with over Rs 50,000 in cash. A youth sustained minor injuries. The police said the accused have been identified. The weapon used in the crime is being verified to ascertain whether it was a real firearm or a toy gun. **ENS**

ATM cash scam: 7 employees steal ₹1.3 crore, on the run

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POLICE are on the look-out for seven employees of a cash management service who had siphoned off over Rs 1.3 crore in cash, which was meant to be loaded into ATMs, in over a year. The fraud took place at the Axis Bank, Koramangala branch, on 80-ft Road. Two separate FIRs were registered at the Koramangala police station against the seven staff members on January 19.

A senior police officer said the accused, including a woman, were custodians employed by Hitachi Payment Services Ltd. They were assigned to load and manage cash in various ATMs across the city. The accused collected cash from the bank but stole a portion of it, ranging from Rs 1 lakh to 2 lakh, by not depositing it into the ATM machines and instead using it for their personal benefit.

The alleged fraud took place between April 2024 and June 2025, according to the company's internal investigation, following which a complaint was filed. An FIR was registered against Praveen, Dhanashekar, Harish Kumar and Ramakka for misappropriating Rs 57,96,400. Another FIR was registered against Harish Kumar, Praveen and Varun for misappropriating Rs 80,49,000.

The two cases were registered under Sections 316 (criminal breach of trust) and 318 (cheating) of the BNS. Police said they are verifying documents related to the misappropriation and other details, and are searching for the accused.

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—Senior police officer

Domestic help couple steals ₹18cr jewellery

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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THE Marathahalli police are on the lookout for a couple, who were employed as domestic helps, for stealing gold, silver and diamond jewellery as well as cash worth Rs 18 crore in total from a businessman's house on Kempapura Main Road on Sunday afternoon.

The accused have been identified as Dinesh (32) and his wife Kamala (25), who had joined the household as domestic help about 20 days before the theft. Shimanth S Arjun (28), a businessman whose father is a builder, had gone with his family to attend a relative's bhoomi puja at H Cross around 9 am. Taking advantage of the absence of the family, the couple along with their accomplices, broke open a cupboard on the ground floor using an iron rod, and stole nearly 10 kg of gold and diamond jewellery.

Another locker in a first-floor bedroom was also forced open, from which about 1.5 kg of gold, nearly 5 kg of silver ornaments and Rs 11.5 lakh in cash were stolen.

Police said another domestic help noticed the broken doors and alerted Arjun around 12.30 pm. CCTV footage from the area is being analysed, and a manhunt has been launched to trace the accused.

AIR FORCE STATION
Yelahanka, Bangalore-560063
REGIMENTAL SHOP

AOC Air Force Station Yelahanka invites tender applications from suitable vendors for running the regimental shop at Air Force Station Yelahanka, Bangalore for a period of 11 months. All qualifying applicants will be given preference as per the categories as follows: (a) War widows/Widows of defence personnel killed while on duty (b) Disabled soldiers/Ex-servicemen (c) Spouses/ Widows of Ex servicemen. **Availability of forms:** At SI Office on all working days (0900-1400 hrs from 31.01.26 to 13.02.26) **Cost of Forms**: Rs. 200/-(Non Refundable). **Earnest Money:** Rs.1, 000/- in the form of DD in favor of OIC SI Fund AFS Yelahanka (Refundable). **Deposit of forms:** Tender Box will be kept at Main Guard Room from 31.01.26 to 13.02.26. **Opening of tender:** 1100 AM on 16.02.2026 (In presence of applicants if any). The following shops available for tendering with minimum tender value of quote:-

SI No.	Name of the Shop	Area	Cat	MRP (in Rs.)
1.1	Photo Copier & Stationary Shop	Shopping Complex	ESM	1,600/-
1.2	Organic/Misc. Shop		Open	3,000/-
1.3	Cycle Repair Shop		Open	1,000/-
1.4	Barber Shop		ESM	6,000/-
1.5	Fruit & Juice Shop		ESM	15,000/-
1.6	Tailor Shop		Open	2,500/-
1.7	Pani Poori Shop	Food Court	ESM	5,000/-
1.8	Fast Food Shop		ESM	10,000/-
1.9	Samosa Shop		ESM	15,000/-
1.10	Juice Shop	URC	ESM	30,000/-
1.11	Dhobi Ghat	Dhobi Ghat	ESM	10,000/-

Right to accept or reject any of the bids: AOC, AFS Yelahanka. Contact No.080-23411081 Extn.7235 (Between 0900 hrs to 1400 hrs on all working days) Mobile No: 8264538805/8968963474.

PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE

That pursuant of the order passed by the Hon'ble City Civil Judge, Bengaluru (CCH-10) in **F.D.P. No. 181/2011,** the property more fully described in the schedule hereunder will be sold in Public Auction **on 23-02-2026 between 11.00 A.M. to 1 P.M** and any person or institutions interested to participate in the auction may participate in public auction subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The following schedule property will be auctioned at schedule premises between 11.00 AM to 1 PM.
2. The particulars mentioned in the Schedule property is the best of the information to the court as furnished by the parties.
3. The off-set price of schedule property for auction sale shall be **Rs.5,36,32,200/- (Five Crore Thirty-Six Lakhs Thirty-Two Thousand and Two hundred only)**
4. Intended participants, before participating in the auction, shall deposit 25% of off-set price ((1,34,08,050/-) One Crore Thirty-Four Lakhs Eight Thousand Fifty) of schedule property before Hon'ble Court (In the name of Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore).
5. The amount by which the biddings are to be determined by the Court Commissioner conducting the sale or in the event of any dispute arising as to the amount of bid, Court commissioner decision is final subject approval by the Hon'ble Court.
6. The auction purchasers shall produce authenticated identification card including PAN Card and Receipt (for having deposited the 25% of offset price amount before Court) before the commencement of the auction sale to the Court Commissioner.
7. The successful bidder, after the acceptance of the highest bid, within a days (24 hours) from completion of auction sale, shall pay/deposit 25% of bid amount to the Court or furnish the D.D Drawn in favour of Registrar, City Civil Court, (including 25% earnest money deposit which was made before auction to participate in biding).
8. The successful bidder shall deposit the balance amount of the highest bid amount before the Court within 15 days from the date of the conclusion of the auction sale.
9. In case the highest bidder fails to deposit the auction sale amount as per the condition referred in clause (7) and (8) above he/she shall be liable to pay damages fixed at 10% of the highest bid amount, apart from forfeiting the 25% depositing amount.
10. If the highest bidder fails to deposit the amount then the property shall be re-sold after the issue of a fresh notification of sale.
11. As per the order of the court if the co-sharer/s together or alone wants participate in the auction sale shall comply the clause (4) condition after adjusting their share value and all other conditions prescribed herein also applicable.
12. The sale is subjected to confirmation by the Hon'ble Court.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.5 Jakkasandra Block, Koramangala Layout, Bangalore, measuring about 15.24 Mtrs X 24.38 Mtrs, consisting of a ground and first floor and bounded as under:
North by : Road, South by : Site Nos. 21 & 22, East by : Site No.6, West by : Site No.4

By order of the Court
Court appointed Commissioner : **B.T. Girish,** Advocate
No. 116/6, First Floor, (Next to Union Bank of India) Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560 003. **Mob: 9844404500**

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES
KRISHI NAGAR, DHARWAD
e-mail : spo@uasd.in Phone: + 0836-2214291
No. Ex.O /EO/Tender-eproc-16/2025-26
Estate Branch, UAS, Dharwad Date: 23.01.2026

Tender Notification (Through e-procurement Portal)

University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad is inviting tender for procurement of Furniture items through e-procurement portal. The registered, eligible authorized suppliers are requested to visit the website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in and download the documents for participation in the tender. Last date & time for receipt of Tender : **12.02.2026** (Thursday) till 4.00 PM. Other Shedule of Events can be availed in the e-Portal. For more details please contact **0836-2214291** during office hours.

Tenderers need to register with e-procurement portal of Govt. of Karnataka B'lore, For details of registration please contact ph. No: 080-46010000. Bidders are requested to get updated with the corrigendum/addendum (if any) issued online at the following link in the entire tender process. http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- ESTATE OFFICER
DIPR/Dharwad/KSMCA/1147/2025-26 **UAS, Dharwad**

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
OFFICE OF THE, Executive Engineer, KNNL, HBC Divn., Athani – 591304, Tq: Athani. Dist: Belgaum (Karnataka).
No./ KNNL/HBC/PB/Consultancy-TF/TND/2025-26/3706 Date:22.01.2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through kpp-portal only)

Percentage tenders are invited KC 4 Basis in Two Cover System for below mentioned work from eligible tenderers, for the works detailed below by the undersigned.

On behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bengaluru, the Executive Engineer, KNNL, HBC Division Athani, invites percentage basis tender from interested, experienced and resourceful A Valid Copy of the Registration of the firm/Company with the Register of companies who fulfill the pre-qualification criteria for the bellow mentioned work.

The two cover bid submission procedure as per Rule 28 of KTPP Act shall be followed The bidders are requested to submit their bids in two cover system including EMD in e-cash. The first cover (Technical Bid) should contain the documents as mentioned in Para 4, The second cover shall contain the financial bid. The cover-I (Technical bid) will be opened first. Thereafter cover-II (financial bid) of only those bidders who have fulfill the conditions contained in Para.4 will be opened.

The blank tender documents can be obtained through website www.KPPP.karnataka.gov.in and can be submitted through electronic tender only

The approximate estimated cost of work is Rs. 109.96 Lakhs.

1:The contractor can request for e-tendering documents: From 28.01.2026 @ 10.30 AM to 04.02.2026. upto 4.00 PM, 2:Last date & time for tender queries:03.02.2026 upto 4.00 PM, 3:Submission of completed e-tendering document:From 28.01.2026 @ 10.30 AM to 04.02.2026. upto 4.00 PM, 4:Opening of Technical Bid at EE KNNL HBC Division Athani: 06.02.2026 @ 11.00 AM, 5:Opening of Financial Bid at EE KNNL HBC Division Athani :09.02.2026 @ 11.00 AM (Or after Approval of Technical Bid).

Any other information can be had from the undersigned during the office hours on telephone: 08289-251034 and H.P company helpline 080-22485867

Sd/-Executive Engineer, KNNL HBC Division, Athani
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1701/KSMCA/2025-26

BENGALURU EAST CITY CORPORATION
Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, BECC, Mahadevapura & KR Pura, Bengaluru-36
No.: BECC/SADH/QUOTATION/PR/112/2025-26 Date: 27.01.2026
INVITATION FOR QUOTATION (IFQ)
(Short Term Notification)

The Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture invites **Item Rate** Quotation for the works details in the table given below. The bidder may submit quotation for any or all of the works given in the table.
Bidder may get information of schedule of quantities from the office of Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, Bengaluru East City Corporation.
Bidder must be submit quotation in the form of post physically to office of Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, Bengaluru East City Corporation within the date and time published. Quotations will be opened at prescribed time and date, in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend the OFFICE OF THE Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, Bengaluru East City Corporation, Mahadevapura & KR Pura, Bengaluru-560036.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Gap filling plantation and red soil, road median cleaning Hennuru road median to Byrathi road median (4KM). **Approx. Value of Work (Rs. in Lakh): 5.00.**

Calendar of events: (1) Submission of quotation onwards. **(2)** Last date for submission of quotations on or before **03.02.2026** at **04:00 PM. (3)** Date of opening of quotations is on **04.02.2026** at **11:00 a.m. (4)** Before submission of quotations, bidders must ensure that all the necessary documents have been attached with quote.

Sd/- Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, Mahadevapura & KR Pura Zone, BECC

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Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-op Bank Ltd.,
Head Office : B.H. Road, Tumkur-572103, Karnataka,
Phone : 0816-2257636 / 4021102-103, Fax : 0816-2255905,
Email : tgmc.ho@tgmcbank.com, Website: www.tgmcbank.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002.

Whereas, borrower(s) **(1) Sri Nagaraj D M** S/o Late M Muniswamappa, Residing At: No.14/3, "Nandagokula", 8th Cross, Devanarapalya, Gokula Extension, Bangalore- 560054. **(2) Personal Guarantee of Smt. Geetha R** W/o Rama Raju, # 885, 3rd Main Road, Diwanarapalya, Yeshwanthpura, Bangalur-24., having failed to repay the debt in respect of borrowing from **TUMKUR GRAIN MERCHANTS CO-OP BANK LTD., R T Nagar Branch, Bangalore.** The total amount due and payable by them jointly and severally as per the agreed terms and conditions is **Rs.1,40,07,938/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Lakhs Seven Thousand Nine Hundred And Thirty Eight Only)** as on **29.07.2019,** along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon. **(The present outstanding amount as on 23.01.2026 is Rs.3,42,85,887/-)**
Whereas the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorized Officer has taken possession of the mortgaged property including those more fully described hereunder on, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Description of Property	Reserve Price (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)	Date & Time of Auction
All the piece and parcel of immovable property bearing BBMP Khatha New No 22 and its PID No: 4-103- 22 situated at H M T Road, Gokula 1st stage, 2nd Phase, Bangalore, Ward No 4, Mathikere, measuring East to West 50.6 feet and North to South 38 feet total measuring 1922 sq feet and building thereon and bounded by: East By : HMT Main Road, West by : Propertybelongs to D M Balakrishna No.416, North By : Property belongs to M Narayanaswamappa, South By : Property belongs to Krishnamurthy B M	Rs. 2,06,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Six lakh only)	Rs. 20,60,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Sixty Thousand Only)	17.02.2026 From 11.05 AM to 11.25 AM

This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule 8 / Sub Rule (1) of Rule 9 of Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors.
For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in **https://www.auctionbazaar.com/** any further clarification contact **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd., 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, ESI Road, 4th Block, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore 560010 (Mob: 9880882881, 9449027476).**
The E-auction will be conducted through portal **https://www.auctionbazaar.com/ on 17.02.2026 from 11.05 AM to 11.25 AM** with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at https://www.auctionbazaar.com/ and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e. online training on E-auction **(tentatively on 16.02.2026)** from **M/s ARCA Emart Pvt. Ltd. (Auction Bazaar),** TGMC Ltd., 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, ESI Road, 4th Block, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore 560010, **Contact No. : 7799728999, 8370969696, E-mail: disposal.karnataka@auctionbazaar.com**

List of Encumbrance known to secured creditor.

Sl No	Sale Date	Particulars	Executed by	Infavour of	Document No
1	15-10-2013	DTD	D M Nagararaju	TGMC Bank	RJN-1-03893-2013-14
2	21-10-2013	Sale Agreement	D M Nagararaju	Chandrashekar R	YPR-1-03628-2013-14
3	21-09-2016	Gift Deed	D M Nagararaju	M Anusuya	YPR-1-03683-2016-17
4	13-03-2017	DTD	M Anusuya	UCO Bank	YPR-1-7529-2016-17
5	13-10-2020	Sale Agreement	M Anusuya	Dr. B G Murulidhar	VJN-1-03647-2020-21

Date : 27.01.2026
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
TUMKUR GRAIN MERCHANTS CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

Agriculture Minister N Chaluvarayaswamy told the Council that in the past three years — from 2023 to 2026 — 26.48 lakh coconut trees have been affected by root wilt disease, while 10.56 lakh coconut trees have been affected by red palm weevil

Govt justifies behaviour of its members in Guv walkout episode, Govt increased excise targets by 35% over last 2.5 yrs to fill treasury, fund guarantees: BJP

Oppn protests against 'insult' to guv, demands CBI probe into excise 'scam'

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@ Bengaluru

OPPOSITION BJP and JDS legislators on Tuesday staged a demonstration near the Gandhi statue on Vidhana Soudha premises to protest against Congress legislators allegedly insulting Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot during the joint session of the state legislature, and also demanded a probe by the CBI into the alleged Rs 6,000 crore scam in the Excise Department.

State BJP president BY Vijayendra said the probe into the excise scam should be handed over to the CBI, or it should be investigated by a judge of the High Court. Vijayendra said even the name of the excise minister is being mentioned in the excise scam, and names of the minister's family members are also surfacing. Despite this, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is not allowing discussion on the issue in the Assembly, the BJP leader alleged.

BJP and JDS leaders protest near the Mahatma Gandhi statue on the premises of Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Tuesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

He alleged that liquor is being sold even in grocery shops in rural areas, and in the last two-and-a-half years, the government has increased excise targets by 35 % to fill the treasury and to fund the guarantee schemes. It has become impossible for excise department officials to get postings without paying crores of rupees in bribes, he alleged. Instead of public welfare, the CM is repeatedly talking about guarantees and destroying the lives of poor rural families, Vijayendra said.

LoP in Council Chalavadi Narayanswamy questioned how much the Congress high command leaders received in the Rs 6,000 crore loot. The BJP leader said people of the state are talking about corruption in government departments, and even many leaders in the Congress are upset with developments.

Narayanswamy said the excise department contractors have made serious allegations about the Rs 6,000 crore loot. BJP will not stop its fight against the government till the excise minister resigns, he said.

The BJP leaders alleged that the Governor was insulted and ill-treated during the joint session of the legislature, and now the government is justifying such behaviour.

Congress leaders and supporters protest against the Union Government's decision to replace MGNREGA with VB-G RAM G, at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Tuesday | KEVIN NASHON

ONLY CONGRESS IS PRO-POOR, SAYS CM

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Siddaramaiah said it was during former PM Manmohan Singh-led government that the landmark pro-people legislation like MNREGA, Right to Food and Livelihood, RTI, Forest Act, RTE, and others were brought in. "Only Congress is pro-poor and pro-people. BJP is anti-poor. Under MNREGA, 53% of women worked and benefited. 28% of the population comprising SC/STs benefited. Nearly five lakh specially-abled persons benefited." "RSS worker Godse killed Mahatma Gandhi, and Modi has killed the pro-people scheme named after Mahatma Gandhi," he said, adding that under MNREGA, GPs were empowered to give jobs to the poor and needy, now Delhi will decide. "Hundred days of guaranteed employment was a constitutional right, and BJP is snatching it away," he alleged. "Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has directed BJP MLAs not to discuss the matter. But we will discuss the matter in the ongoing legislative session," he said.

Ponnanna says Guv has no discretion to change speech

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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AMID objections from BJP legislators, Congress MLA AS Ponnanna on Tuesday criticised Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, saying the latter did not have the discretion to omit anything from the speech prepared by the government in the address to the joint session of the legislature.

Speaking on the motion of thanks to the governor's address in the Assembly, Ponnanna, who is also the legal advisor to the chief minister, cited a 1969 incident from West Bengal, where the then governor had skipped two paragraphs of the speech and the issue was discussed in the Lok Sabha.

Earlier, the House witnessed chaos as BJP members, including senior BJP MLA S Suresh Kumar, protested saying that Ponnanna was not sticking to the motion of thanks, but was using his speech to criticise the governor.

Congress MLA AS Ponnanna arrives to attend the Assembly session on Tuesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

When Ponnanna alleged that the governor did not wait for the national anthem, Suresh Kumar said, "Ponnanna is supposed to make a speech thanking the governor for his speech. But, he is accusing the governor of not addressing the legislature."

The chaos continued even after lunch as Ponnanna claimed that he is not insulting the governor but is speaking on the latter's constitutional position, which was opposed by LoP R Ashoka.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara defended Ponnanna. "He is only interpreting Articles 163(1) and 176. He is not speaking against the governor personally," Dr Parameshwara said.

Suresh Kumar said that as per rules, one cannot take the names of the president and governor to influence their debate. "Many MLAs in the House do not know the constitutional position on the issue. What is wrong in Ponnanna speaking about the governor's address," questioned Parameshwara.

Demand for iPads for legislators

Ponnanna suggested to Speaker UT Khader that the Assembly should be digitised by providing iPads to legislators on the lines of Tamil Nadu, which transitioned to a paperless system.

Cong will intensify protest against VB-G RAM G, says Siddaramaiah

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CONGRESS workers staged a massive protest here on Tuesday against the Centre's decision of replacing MGNREGA with the VB-G RAM G Act.

Traffic was disrupted for almost three hours on Sheshadri Road, Race Course Road, Gandhi Nagar, Anand Rao Circle, KR Circle and other parts of the city due to the protest.

Addressing the protesters at Freedom Park, AICC general secretary in-charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala said, "The VB-G RAM G Act is an assault on the livelihood of Karnataka's 71,00,000 active MGNREGA beneficiaries." There are 37 lakh women, 13 lakh SCs, 8 lakh STs, 40 lakh OBCs and 10 lakh general category beneficiaries, he added.

Surjewala questioned the silence of BJP MPs and Union ministers who had voted in favour of the VB-G RAM G Act.

Alleging that the NDA government had murdered MGNREGA, he said under that scheme 100% of funds were given by the Union government. But under the VB-G RAM G Act, the Union government gives only 60% of the fund.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said the ruling Congress will intensify the protest. It will be taken to districts, taluks and gram panchayats across the state. "Protests should be continued till the Centre withdraws the new Act and restore MGNREGA," he said.

Congress supporters protest in Bengaluru on Tuesday | KEVIN NASHON

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said MGNREGA guarantees the right to work, dignity, and livelihood to crores of poor families in rural areas. It should not be diluted or dismantled. "The new Act weakens this guarantee. Our struggle will continue till MGNREGA is restored."

Women and Child Development Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar termed the Union government's decision authoritarian and dictatorial. During the UPA rule, the Centre gave powers to gram panchayats. But the NDA government has them away, she added.

Law and Tourism Minister HK Patil said the Centre had many questions over the wages given under MGNREGA. However, it has no time to react to the Rs 10,000-crore electoral bonds issue.

Cong workers chant 'DK, DK', CM gets angry

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday lost his cool as Congress workers chanted "DK, DK" just before he could begin his address at a protest organised by Congress against the Union Government's move, replacing the MGNREGA with VB-G RAM G.

As Chief Minister Siddaramaiah walked towards the lectern, party workers started the chants, hailing Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar. He asked them to sit down, but when the chants only grew louder, he asked angrily, "Who are those shouting DK, DK?"

Party leader GC Chandrashekar pointed towards Youth Congress leaders and told them to behave. "We know who you are. The chief minister is going to address, listen to him."

The CM then addressed the workers and appealed to them to take the protest to districts, taluks and panchayats. He said the protest should be intensified and continued till the Centre restores MGNREGA.

CONG LEADERS SKIP HOUSE TO SLAM CENTRE'S NEW JOB LAW

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THE Assembly session that was to begin at 10 am on Tuesday commenced only past 12 noon in the absence of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy CM DK Shivakumar, and at least 10 ministers. Reason: They were participating in a protest organised by the Congress against the VB-G RAM G Act, which has replaced MGNREGA. As a result, Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda answered the questions on behalf of the CM, Deputy CM and ministers. Several Congress MLAs, whose questions were listed to be taken up, were also absent.

Speaker UT Khader began the day's proceedings by reading out a congratulatory message for the eight Padma awardees from Karnataka. However, no government representative was present to formally congratulate the winners. After Opposition members insisted, the Speaker took the attendance of ministers who were to be present in the House and read out the names of the ministers— KH Muniyappa, KJ George, Dinesh Gundurao, Dr HC Mahadevappa, Krishna Byregowda, Priyank Kharge, BZ Zameer Ahmed Khan, Eshwar B Khandre, Dr Sharan Prakash Patil, Laxmi Hebbalkar, and MC Sudhakar. Except for Byregowda, the others were absent.

Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara and Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister HK Patil were also present. Opposition members reminded Khader about his decision in the recent Business Advisory Committee meeting. Replying, Speaker Khader said that he had told the ministers that if they are punctual, the MLAs will also be on time. "But if you (ministers) are in your chambers, the MLAs will come looking for you there and will skip the proceedings. That is why ministers should be present in the House both morning and evening. But, we know why it has been delayed today (Tuesday)'," Khader said.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah helps Deputy CM DK Shivakumar tie a turban during a protest against the Centre's move to replace MGNREGA with VB-G RAM G, at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Tuesday | KEVIN NASHON

Irked by his reply, Leader of Opposition R Ashoka said that the Speaker is not a Congressman.

During the Question Hour, several Congress MLAs were absent, including Hirekerur MLA UB Banakar. BJP leaders said it's not just ministers who have to answer questions who are absent, but there are no Congress legislators to ask questions. Interestingly, when the Speaker called out BJP MLA HK Suresh's name, Revenue Minister Krishna Byregowda stood up to answer. But the BJP MLA was absent. "You (BJP) members were accusing Congress leaders (of missing the proceedings), it is the same story with you," the Speaker quipped.

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UT Khader, Assembly Speaker

Chalavadi: Was CM part of excise scam?

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Leader of Opposition in Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy accused the State Government of being corrupt, and said that the Lokayukta officials catching the Excise Joint Commissioner was proof. Discussing the issue at the Council under Rule 330 on Tuesday, Narayanaswamy said, "Karnataka Wine Merchants' Association President Guru Swamy has said that he has given Rs 6,000 crore to the government"

Narayanaswamy questioned who all were part of this corruption, and whether the CM was also part of this. Congress members took objection and said the LoP was making baseless allegations against the chief minister.

"A government official getting caught while accepting a bribe is strong evidence of corruption. Association says they have given Rs 6,000 crore bribe. Further, Excise Minister R B Thimmapur has stated that corruption isn't restricted to his excise department but is there in others too," Narayanaswamy said.

Members of the opposition recalled the instance where Siddaramaiah, when he was the LoP, demanded the resignation of K S Eshwarappa after allegations of his involvement in the suicide of a contractor. They sought Timmapur's resignation and an inquiry be set up to probe the alleged corruption in excise department.

BJP, JDS demand resignation of Timmapur

The Karnataka Legislative Council saw uproarious scenes with opposition BJP and JDS leaders demanding the resignation of Excise Minister RB Timmapur, alleging corruption and urging the government to appoint a sitting judge to inquire into the irregularities. The uproar finally forced the Upper House to be adjourned for the day, a little past 7pm.

Earlier, the House witnessed passionate debates by Congress leaders, especially MLA AS Ponnanna and Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister HK Patil on the Governor not reading the speech and insulting the House and people. Opposition leaders Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, Bhojegowda, Ravi Kumar and CT Ravi countered them, saying they cannot attack and criticise the Governor.

Narayanaswamy cited an article about corruption to the tune of Rs 6000 crore in the Excise department, and spoke about irregularities in the awarding of licences under different categories, especially CL7, and the routine bribes brazenly demanded by Excise officials. He asked who among the higher-ups had shared the corruption loot. He asked about the trap where a senior officer was caught accepting Rs 25 lakh, which was only the first instalment of the bribe. He claimed the loot was shared among higher-ups too.

Earlier, when Basavaraj Horatti was in the chair and MK Pranesh took the seat, there were arguments about rules and allocation of time between the Congress and BJP, which irritated Horatti with non-stop squabbling over House rules on the Governor and excise.

A government official getting caught while accepting a bribe is strong evidence of corruption. Karnataka Wine Merchants' Association president says they have given Rs 6,000 crore bribe

Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, LoP in Legislative Council

88,559 hectares in Malnad, coast hit

AKNISREE KARTHIK @ Bengaluru

ARECANUT LEAF SPOT DISEASE

"ARECANUT leaf spot disease has been seen on 88,559 hectares in Malnad, coastal and Shivamogga region," Agriculture Minister N Chaluvarayaswamy said, replying to a question raised by BJP MLC Prathap Simha Nayak and Congress MLC Bilkis Banu in the Legislative Council on Tuesday.

Addressing the Council on behalf of Horticulture Minister SS Mallikarjun, Chaluvarayaswamy said, "In Shivamogga, 32,124 acres are affected by leaf spot disease, 25,210 acres in Chikkamagaluru and 20,830 acres in Dakshina Kannada."

He went on to say that a proposal of Rs 577.76 crore has been sent to the Centre to provide assistance towards the adoption of phytosanitary measures (removal and destruction of disease-affected plant parts), plant protection measures and integrated nutrient management to control leaf spot disease, yellow leaf disease and rot disease affecting arecanut crop in Karnataka. The minister said experts from the University of Agriculture and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga, and officers from the horticulture department provide information to areca farmers on nutrient management of arecanut plantations, making of canals for drainage, use of green manure and supply of fertilisers.

Chaluvarayaswamy clarified that the horticulture department does not have a scheme to provide compensation for crop loss, and said, "Under the Restructured Weather-based Crop Insurance Scheme, losses arising from or aggravated by diseases due to weather aberrations are indirectly included in insurance compensation and for 2024-25, compensation of Rs 472.54 crore was disbursed to 3.65 lakh eligible farmers."

EXPRESS READ

Use tech to stop manual scavenging: MLC to govt

BENGALURU: Stating that 85 sanitary workers have died in Karnataka in the last seven years while cleaning septic tanks and UGDs, MLC K Shivakumar demanded that the government deploy technology to stop manual scavenging. "While we talk about AI tech and Bengaluru being Silicon Valley of India, why haven't we eradicated manual scavenging?" he asked. Municipal Administration Minister Rahim Khan said regularisation of Pourakarmikas is pending due to a court stay on internal quota. Steps will be taken to prevent such deaths by adopting tech, he said ENS

Two youths were seriously injured after their motorcycle was hit by a private bus in Hassan city on Tuesday. The bus driver lost control of the vehicle while negotiating a curve and rammed into the two-wheeler. Passersby rushed the injured to HIMS Hospital, and they are now recovering. Traffic between Santepet Circle and NR Circle was disrupted following the accident

2016 MURDER CASE

HC denies bail to ex-min Kulkarni

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THE Karnataka High Court on Tuesday rejected the bail petition of former minister **Vinay R Kulkarni**. He was arrested in connection with the murder of Dharwad Zilla Panchayat member Yogish Goudar in 2016. The CBI had filed the charge sheet.

Justice S Sunil Dutt Yadav rejected Kulkarni's bail petition while keeping open all contentions raised by bim. "It is made clear that the court has not recorded any finding regarding the merits of the claim and has merely disposed of the petition, holding that the petitioner is required to have approached the Apex Court itself," the judge observed.

The court noted that the ground of "change in circumstances" may be a ground for reconsideration of an order rejecting bail, but would be of no avail where the bail is cancelled for violation of conditions imposed. When the bail granted is cancelled for violation of bail conditions, the accused essentially disentitles himself from seeking the exercise of judicial discretion subsequently. The subsequent events nearing the completion of the examination of witnesses are of no relevance, the court said.

The court stated that when the apex court has cancelled the bail on the ground of violation of conditions without reserving liberty, it would be against judicial propriety for any other court to reconsider and grant bail. The petitioner ought to have approached the Apex Court and sought reconsideration, especially where the latter had not reserved any liberty. By misuse of liberty granted, the petitioner had disentitled himself from claiming to be released on bail by relying on the merits of the claim of bail on any grounds. The accused is required to move the apex court itself for reconsideration, the court said.

The Supreme Court released Kulkarni on bail on August 11, 2021, but cancelled the same on June 6, 2025, after he violated a bail condition by attempting to influence the witnesses in the case. He surrendered before the trial court on June 13, 2025.

Kulkarni contended that the recording of the statements of all important witnesses is now complete. None of the eyewitnesses has supported the case of the prosecution and that by itself would be a "change in circumstance" warranting the grant of bail, he pleaded.

Stating that there are certain other witnesses who are still to be examined, the CBI contended that the cancellation of the bail by the apex court has disentitled the petitioner to seek fresh bail as the apex court has not reserved liberty to seek fresh bail.

When the apex court has cancelled the bail on the ground of violation of conditions without reserving liberty, it would be against judicial propriety for any other court to reconsider and grant bail — HC judge

Only 48 of 1,929 e-khatas by Mandya panchayat legal

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A report submitted by the Mandya Tahsildar to Upa Lokayukta Justice B Veerappa disclosed that only 48 e-khatas of 1,929 e-khatas made between 2021 and 2025 by Induvalu Gram Panchayat were legal, accounting for less than 3 per cent, with the remaining 1,881 e-khatas being termed illegal.

In all 1,881 e-khata files, there are only copies of 9 and 11A forms issued by the panchayats, but no documents were available in support of the registration of e-khatas, which is mandatory as per the state government circular.

Justice Veerappa directed the executive officer of Mandya Taluk Panchayat to bring the matter to the notice of the chief executive officer of Mandya Zilla Panchayat, who in turn should initiate disciplinary proceedings against errant panchayat development officers (PDOs) of Induvalu Gram Panchayat, executive officers (EOs) of Mandya Taluk Panchayat and other officials who worked in the relevant period for issuing e-khatas without adhering to the law.

"The ZP CEO and EO should open their eyes to how such irregularities are committed by officials and the state of affairs of Induvalu Gram Panchayat," the Upa Lokayukta stated while adjourning the hearing to February 16.

The e-khata files were missing from Induvalu GP office, and were traced following suo motu cognisance of the issue by the Upa Lokayukta.

No records produced

Upa Lokayukta noted that the Deputy Tahsdilar and Executive Officer of Mandya Taluk Panchayat have not produced any documents showing the removal of illegal encroachment of government lands bearing Sy No 26, 187 and 193 of Kiranguru village of Mandya, except standing like mute spectators during their appearance for hearing of the case. The tahsildar remained absent. The deputy tahsidlar, who was present, sought time to clear the encroachment.

Therefore, the Upa Lokayukta passed the order to send a copy of the order to the Commissioner for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and Chief Executive Officer of Mandya ZP to take action against erring officials, in accordance with the law.

The marathon featured multiple race categories, including half marathon (21.1K), 10K, 5K and 3K

Over 10,000 runners take part in Mahethon–2026

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MANIPAL Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) organised Mahethon–2026 at its Bengaluru campus with over 10,000 participants joining the run. The marathon featured an AIMS-certified route, with the race starting and ending at the MAHE campus. The marathon featured multiple race categories, including half marathon (21.1K), 10K, 5K and 3K. People from armed forces and persons with disabilities also participated in MAHETHON. The fastest runners in each category were awarded with a total prize money pool of Rs 13.75 lakh. Dr Raghavendra Prabhu, Additional Registrar, MAHE; Dr Madhu Veeraraghavan, Pro Vice-Chancellor, MAHE, and others were present.

Docs: Delayed glaucoma diagnosis may permanently damage vision in kids

GAYATHRI M KURUP @ Bengaluru

POSTPONING diagnosis of glaucoma in infants mistaking it for an infection or allergy may lead to irreversible vision loss. Doctors warn to keep an eye on subtle but early signs.

Congenital glaucoma may seem like a common eye infection or allergy, with symptoms such as excessive tearing, redness and sensitivity to light.

Dr Supriya Shetty, Consultant Ophthalmology at Rainbow Children's Hospital said that infants may keep their eyes tightly shut, often misinterpreted as irritation. "Unlike infections, glaucoma usually does not cause thick or sticky discharge, this difference is easily overlooked," she said.

"Once the optic nerve is damaged, it is irreversible. Treatment can only prevent further progression", said Dr Sowmya Krishna, Glaucoma Specialist at Nethradhama Super Speciality Eye Hospital. Paediatric glaucoma is common as early stages of the disease often does not show obvious symptoms. Prolonged and unsupervised use of over-the-counter steroid eye drops in children cause further complications.

Congenital glaucoma affects about one in 10,000 live births and is caused by developmental abnormalities in the eye's drainage system, which leads to increased eye pressure. Most paediatric glaucoma cases require surgical intervention, while medicines are mainly used to control eye pressure before surgery.

Doctors advised parents to seek immediate medical attention if infants have persistent watering of the eyes, sensitivity to light, enlarged or asymmetrical eyes, corneal clouding, or difficulty fixing their gaze on light, as early detection is crucial in preserving vision.

Around 30,000 Bengalureans employed in Australian companies: Envoy

Bengaluru: VIK Singh, Consul Commercial as wellas Trade and Investment Commissioner of Austrade said on Tuesday that Karnataka is a "vibrant ecosystem" for Australian companies. He was addressing a meeting of Austrade and various stakeholders in the India-Australia trade route, held at the Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (BCIC). "We want to make sure that Australian companies are aware of the opportunities India has to offer. Over 150 businesses operate in India. About 30,000 Bengalureans are employed by Australian companies," said Singh, adding that the Australian government has five consulates in India – Bengaluru, Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai and Kolkata – more than the number in China, underscoring the Australian government's eagerness to conduct trade in India. He also said that education is a major point of overlap in India-Australia relations. **ENS**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: CEE/Tr(Op)ZB/SEE(O)/AE-1&2/F-424&BIAL-457(4)/2025-26/9485-86&9509 Date: 27.01.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPPP mode only)

KPTCL invites bid against the **enquiry Nos.** on **Partial Turnkey Basis** including supply of all matching materials / equipments and erection of all materials/equipments, testing and commissioning"

1) Enq. No: KPTCL/CEE/T(O)Z/BZ/PTK-27 For Drying of 100MVA Power Transformer-2 APEX Make along with oil & gasket replacement at 220kV receiving station Chintamani in Chintamani Taluk, Chikkabalapura District.

2) Enq. No: KPTCL/CEE/T(O)Z/BZ/PTK-24(CALL-2) For Providing additional 11kV Switchgears at **66/11kV Rajankunte sub-station** coming under Operations Division, BIAL Begur in Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District **(Excluding Supply of 11kV Switchgears) (including civil works)**. The bids will be received through electronic tender mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging in to **KPP Portal website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **for SL.No: 1) 02.02.2026 & for SL.No: 2) 28.01.2026.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Elec.), Transmission (Operations) Zone, KPTCL, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru-09.

RAIL COACH FACTORY KAPURTHALA

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Principal Chief Materials Manager, Rail Coach Factory invites e-tenders for supply of the following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No. and Due Date	Description		Quantity (Nos/Sets)	EMD (Rs.)
1.	05251984A 20.02.2026	Set of Final Roof Element for AC 3T with Flat Roof	PL No. 33582968	45 Set	1,50,940/-
2.	02261011 12.02.2026	Harness of Underframe & Roof Arrangement for LHB EOG Non AC LGS Coaches			5,41,190/-
3.	14261001 23.02.2026	Sound Insulating Wood Panels		1169 Nos.	1,40,870/-
4.	07251255A 23.02.026	Supply, Installation, Commissioning & Testing of Stainless Steel Tubes and Double Ferrule Fittings for LHB Non-AC Hot Buffet Car Coaches		62 Set	2,47,600/-

1. For details and making On-line bids, visit Website **http://ireps.gov.in.** Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website **http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in. Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at http://www.cce.gov.in**.

2. Tenders will close at **14:30 HRS.** on due date and tender will be opened at **14:30 HRS.** Tenders **Sr. No. 1 to 3** will be opened at RCF, Kapurthala (Punjab) & **Sr. No. 4** will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi.

3. Tenderers are advised to submit the tender cost online through **Electronic Mode Through Payment Gateway/ Facility on the IREPS Website.**

4. For queries contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23378658.

Note: GST Number of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them. **PCMM**

CORRIGENDUM: The following amendments is authorized against **(1) Tender No.** 14251082A **Due on** 22.01.2026 **Eligibility Criteria Updated. Additional Conditions added. Delivery schedule revised. Due date may be read as** 30.01.2026 **instead of** 22.01.2026. **(2) Tender No.:** 17251632 for procurement of Design, Supply, Fitment & Commissioning of Furnishing Items in GS COACH with Guard Compartment for KALKA-SHIMLA Railways. **Due date may be read as** 28.01.2026 **instead of** 22.01.2026. **(3)Tender No.:** 17241346A for procurement of Supply & Installation of One Rake Set of Layout of IC Door for Trainset Coaches. **Due date may be read as** 02.02.2026 **instead of** 23.01.2026. **(4) Tender No.:** 13255417 for procurement of CNC Axle Turning Lathe. **Due date may be read as** 13.02.2026 **instead of** 28.01.2026. **PCMM**

R.O. No. 126-S/2025-26 Dated: 27.01.2026

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

Tender Notice No. : e-Tender/2026/02. For and on behalf of President of India, the Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur-721301 invites e-Tender for the following works before 15:00hrs. on the date mentioned against items and will be opened at 15:30hrs. **Sl. No., Tender No. & Description of Works** are as follows : **(1) E-KGP-West-01-2026,** Supply and unloading of 1,90,274 cum 50 mm gauge hard stone machine crushed ballast and loading the same into Railway's wagons/hoppers at Pakur/Taljhari/Barharwa Depot for Kharagpur Division. **Tender Value :** ₹ 39,09,72,702.42. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 21,04,900/-. **(2) E-KGP-West-02-2026,** Improvement and upgradation of existing subway at LC No. 120, 129 and 130 near Ghatsila & Rakhamines station under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Jhargram. **Tender Value :** ₹ 2,29,30,541.97. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 2,64,700/-. **(3) E-KGP-East-01-2026,** Supply and unloading of 1,80,691 cum 50 mm gauge hard stone machine crushed ballast and loading the same into Railway's wagons/hoppers at Bakudih/Rajgram Pinargaria Depot for Kharagpur Division. **Tender Value :** ₹ 36,43,65,499.04. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 19,71,800/-. **Tender Document Cost :** ₹ 0 for each. **Date of Opening :** 12.02.2026 for each. **Completion Period of the work :** 18 months for Sl. No. 1 & 3 and 12 months for Sl. No. 2. **Bidding Start Date:** For Sl. No. 1 to 3 from 29.01.2026 and up to 15:00 hrs. on 12.02.2026. Interested tenderers may visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** for full details/ descriptions/specifications of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for these works will be accepted. **N.B.:** Prospective bidders may regularly visit **"www.ireps.gov.in"** to participate in all tenders. **(PR-1093)**

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APPENDIX- IV-A

[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]

Sale notice for sale of immovable property

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,2002.

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd.,Uttarahalli Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **05.03.2026,** for recovery of **Rs.29,60,000/-**(Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Sixty Thousand Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Sri.Chandra Pratap Singh (Borrower) and Smt. Ranjan Singh (Co-Borrower) and Sri. Papu Singh (Guarantor)** as on 27.01.2026 together with further interest and other charges thereon.

The Reserve price will be **Rs.27,20,000/-** (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.2,72,000/-** (Rupees Two Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand Only)

SCHEDULE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY

All that Piece and Parcel of The Immovable Property Bearing Northern Portion of Site No.27, V.P.Katha No.227/5, Property No.227/5, Measuring East to West 41 feet and North to South 10 feet and Southern Side Site No. 28, V. P. Katha No. 227/5, Property No. 227/5, measuring Measuring East to West 41 feet and North to South 10 feet, both side Totally measuring 820 sq feet. Situated at S.Bingipura Village, Hulimangala Village Panchayat, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District.

And Bounded On: East by: Yellappa Property, West by : Road, North by : Remaning Portion of Site No.28, South by : Remaning Portion of Site No.27

Known Encumbrance : NIL

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd.,(https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx). Link for participating in e-auction: www.bankeauctionwizard.com.

Date: 27.01.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that my client **Sri.Manikyam** is the sole and absolute owner of the schedule Property.

The Original Mortgage deed dated 15.09.2016 Document No.SHR-1-01899-2016-17, and stored in CD No.SHRD66, in the office of sub-registrar Shantinagar Bangalore. & Discharge deed on dated 22.08.2019, Document No.SHR-1-02069-2019-2020 and stored in CD No.SHRD299, before the office of the sub-registrar Shantinagar Bangalore in respect of Property bearing House list No.30, Katha No.37, Comes under the limits of BBMP Katha No.37/30, ward No.192, along with building, Situated at Chikkathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Measuring East to west 40ft, and North to South 30ft, in all Measuring 1200Sq.ft, is misplaced/lost by client. In this connection, a police complaint has been lodged on **21.01.2026** vide Acknowledgement of Police Complaint vide Lost Report No. **2019865/2026**

Any Person finds the document may handover the same to the undersigned within 7 days from this day. If the said document is misused by anybody, it shall not be binding on our client and he/she shall not be binding on our client and he/she shall be doing so at him/their own costs and risks.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing House list No.30, Katha No.37, Comes under the limits of BBMP Katha No.37/30, ward No.192, along with building, Situated at Chikkathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Measuring East to west 40ft, and North to South 30ft, in all Measuring 1200Sq.ft, and bounded on:

East by : 20ft, Road
West by : Property No.43
North by : Property No.31
South by : Property No.29.

Aswath B, Advocate
#36 (317/C), 9th A Main, 40th Cross, 5th Block, Jayanagara Bangalore -560041
Contact No : 9901944099
E-mail: aswath.bb@gmail.com

Can Fin Homes Ltd

JAYANAGAR BRANCH

"SAJINI", # 69 (Old No.35)
Ground Floor, 12th Main
Jayanagar 3rd Block, Bangalore-560011
Mob:7625079101, Ph: 080-26630501
E-mail Id: jayanagar@canfinhomes.com
CIN:L85110KA1987PLC008699

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

[Proviso To Rule 9(1)]

E-auction Sale Notice For Sale Of Immovable Assets Under The Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 Read With Proviso To Rule 9 (1) Of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd.,Jayanagar Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **17-02-2026,** for recovery of Rs.**28,50,000/-** (Rupees **Twenty Eight Lakh Eighty Thousand Only)** due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Mr.Manojprabhakar and Mrs. Haripriya m** (Borrowers) and **Mr.K.Periyaswamy** (Guarantors), as on **27-01-2026** , together with further interest and other charges thereon.

The reserve price will be **Rs.47,90,000/-** (Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Ninety Thousand only)and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs. 4,79,000/-** (Rupees Four Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Five Hundred only)

Description Of The Immovable Property

Residential Property Bearing Flat # G-06 In Ground Floor In "Sai Vihar" Apartments, in DC Converted Site # 181.182 & 183 In Green House Layout formed in Survey # 122/1 of Doddathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, North By : Flat # G-01, South By : Air Space -Set Back Area - Cross Road Side, East By : Corridor and Flat #G-05- Ground Floor, West By : Air Space -Set Back area -Main Road side

Encumbrances : NIL

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx). Link for participating in e-auction : www.auctionbazaar.com

Date: 27.01.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

1st Floor, Jeevan Managal Building, Hayes Road, Bengaluru -560025. Ph.: 080-43003651

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Office of the M/S, LIC Housing Finance Limited the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of security Interest(enforcement) Rule 2002 issued demand notice on below mentioned date calling upon the borrower/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act with rule 9 of the said rules on below mentioned date.

The Borrower and the public in general are here by cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with property will be subject to the charge of M/s. LIC Housing Finance Limited for an amount notice mentioned below and interest thereon,

The Borrower attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of the said ACT, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets

Name of the Borrower, Loan No & Possession Taken Date	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount	Description of the Property
SHRI RAM BUIDERS MR NARINDER SINGH MRS SIMRANJEET KAUR Loan A/c No. 411100002356 Symbolic Possession taken on : 27/01/2026	14/11/2025	Rs. 96422441.45	All the piece and parcel of the Eastern Portion of the property, bearing plot no 6 and 7, Khata no. 4 Measuring East to West 60(Sixty) feet and North to South 100(hundred) feet, totaling to 6000(Six Thousand) square feet in area, situated at Bikasipura Village, Rajarajeshwari CMC, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru and bounded by, on the: - EAST: BDA property WEST: Remaining portion of Property No. 6 and 7 (Housing DAV School) NORTH: Private Property SOUTH: Road.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 28.01.2026

Sd/- Authorized Officer
LIC Housing Finance Limited

The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

.O, No.2, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560018.
Phone 26677552, 26679041

Estd:1927

POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

[APPENDIX IV (RULE 8(1)]

Where as the undersigned being the authorised officer of The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstructionof Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules. at The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers in the following accounts having failed to repay the amount, notice is here by given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described here in bellow in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said rules on the dates mentioned herein below. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is/are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited for amount and interest on & other charges.

Date of Possession: 23.01.2026

Name of the Borrower/Surety & Description of the Property Mortgaged	Amount outstanding
Applicant: Sri T.Dhananjaya Kumar S/o Sri Thammaiah J Surety: Smt Nalinakumari L.B. W/o Sri T.Dhananjaya Kumar All the piece and parcel of Vacant site bearing No.1215(old No.459/B), Private layout, formed by Athmeeya Geleyara Balaga House Building Co-Operative Society Ltd., situated at various Sy. Numbers of Chikkasandra Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West: 46 feet or 14.02 meters and North to South: 30 feet or 9.14 meters, measuring in all 1380 sq.ft. Bounded as East by: Road, West by: Property No.457, North by: Property No.459/A & South by: Property No.459/C.	**08,48,049/- + Int. thereon 23.01.2026**

Amount paid if any by any of the above borrowers after issuance of Possession Notice, would be reckoned for ascertaining the dues payable at the time of realisation / settlement.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 23.01.2026

Sd/-
Authorised Officer,
The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore -18

With the capture of another 10-month-old tiger cub on Tuesday, forest officials in Mysuru have rescued all three cubs of a tigress captured on January 9. The tigress with her cubs was sighted nearly three weeks ago in a private farmland near Harave village under the BRT Tiger Reserve in Chamarajanagar district

100% jobs doubles GTTC enrolment

SSLC pass as basic admission requirement, job prospects even outside Karnataka boost rush

RASHMI PATIL @ Bengaluru

WITH 100% recruitment happening in the Government Tool Room and Training Centre (GTTC), student intake has been increased from 3,100 to 6,050 and more than 5,700 students have enrolled for various courses. As per data provided by GTTC in Bengaluru, in 2023-24, the total intake was 3,100 and number of admissions was 2,669. In 2024-25, the total intake was 5,390 and admissions were 3,687. In 2025-26, the total intake is 6,050 versus admissions of 5,729.

Minister for Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Dr Sharan Prakash R Patil told *TNIE*, "Students learn hands-on skills required for industries – 90 per cent of the curriculum involves practical training and only 10 per cent is theory. Therefore, this year, we have increased the intake. One reason behind more students opting for these courses is that those who pass SSLC exams can take up these courses and there is job guarantee for students as most automobile companies, even those outside Karnataka, offer them jobs."

He added, "Diploma in various disciplines including Tool and Die Making, Mechatronics, Precision Manufacturing, Electrical and Electronics, Electronics and Communication are in high demand. We also have diploma in AI and ML at seven GTTC centres in the state and Automation and Robotics in six centres."

Currently, there are 32 GTTCs in Karnataka and the department is planning to set up new GTTCs in Raichur, Sindhanur, Madhugiri, Kampli, Sandur, Indi and other places.

New initiatives to up employability

In order to promote ethical placement of skilled talent from GTTC in other countries, the state-run GTTC recently signed an MoU with Workinitiatives, an Australian firm. This partnership will connect Karnataka's professionals, tradespeople and community workers with Australian employers, focusing on sectors like construction and advanced manufacturing and technology.

INTAKE VS ADMISSION

Courses (Diplomas)	2023-24		2024-25		2025-26	
Tool & Die Making	1830	1715	1830	1630	1950	1982
Precision Manufacturing	210	203	780	393	840	724
Mechatronics	650	512	950	600	1130	1013
AI and Machine Learning	120	56	360	233	420	405
Electrical and Electronics	120	44	660	343	780	719
Automation and Robotics	120	88	270	108	330	318
Electronics and Communication	50	51	540	380	600	568

Ballari police seize over 20 bullock carts used for illegal sand transport

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @ Ballari

SAND transported illegally in bullock carts, instead of lorries or tippers, to avoid detection by the police? Busting this new modus operandi of the sand mafia, the police recently seized over 20 bullock carts that were allegedly transporting sand illegally. Sources in the police department said these bullock carts were operating during early morning and late-night hours to avoid the police. Also, no one suspects bullock carts to be transporting sand illegally as they are common in rural areas, they added.

Acting on specific information, teams from the Ballari Rural and city police raided multiple locations over the past few days and seized over 20 bullock carts. Also, cases were registered against 20 people at the Ballari Rural police station.

A senior police officer said, "Sand mafia is constantly changing tactics to bypass enforcement. We are keeping a close watch and will take strict action against anyone involved, regardless of the method used."

The police have issued a stern warning to bullock cart owners, cautioning them against lending their carts or participating in illegal sand-related activities. Authorities stressed that ignorance will not be accepted as an excuse and that strict legal action will be initiated against violators.

A videograb of sand being transported on bullock carts in Ballari | EXPRESS

Sand mafia: Dr G shifts onus onto mines and geology dept

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KAREMMA said whenever she goes out on officials visits, vehicles follow her and their occupants issue threats to her. "Bids have been called for extracting sand, but they have not been opened yet. Many big sharks involved in this big money-spinning racket don't want sand extraction legalised. If contracts are awarded, the money will go to the state government, and they will lose their earnings," she alleged. Joining her, many MLAs demanded security to elected representatives.

On the threat Karemma is facing, Speaker UT Khader said the jurisdictional police should be held responsible. To this, she said sarcastically, "Those who came to my house held a press conference, and the police provided them security... Tippers and lorries used in sand transportation normally don't have number plates, and if they run over some one, these vehicles cannot be traced."

Parameshwara assured her safety and said it holds good for all elected representatives. "Illegal sand mining is not limited to Devadurga, but is prevalent across the state. It is the responsibility of the mines and geology department, which has laws to deal with the problem. In the last three years, 440 cases have been registered in Devadurga, but the extraction could be far higher. The sand task force has been constituted especially to deal with this, but there could be lapses from them too. In the last three years, 31 people have been externed from the district for illegal mining. It cannot be stopped in one day," he added. Former law minister and BJP MLA Suresh Kumar said no one is bigger than law and the state government should take action.

RAJEEV GOWDA IN JUDICIAL REMAND

CHIKBALLAPUR: A court in Mangaluru on Tuesday denied bail to Congress leader Rajeev Gowda in a case relating to threatening a civic official. The court, however, granted bail to another person, named Michel, arrested for reportedly giving Gowda shelter in Mangalore before the latter fled to Kerala. Rajeev Gowda, who was absconding after two separate cases were filed against him at Siddlaghatta police station recently, was arrested from Kerala on Monday. He was booked for threatening Municipal Commissioner Amrutha over phone on January 14 after civic workers removed unauthorised flex boards installed by his followers. **ENS**

No evidence on heist of demonetised cash

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

The alleged Rs 400cr cash heist in October last year at Chorla Ghat, located at the intersection of Karnataka, Maharashtra and Goa, that has created a political storm in Karnataka is a "mystery for the Maharashtra and Karnataka police on whether the said robbery really happened, since no concrete evidence has been found so far", said sources on condition of anonymity.

"The alleged container trucks carrying demonetised currency notes of Rs 1,000 and Rs 500 with a questionable and attributed face value of Rs 400 crore, have not been found or tracked as yet, nor has there been a formal complaint on the alleged robbery," they added.

Superintendent of Police (SP), Belagavi, K Ramarajan told reporters that in the absence of a complaint or concrete evidence, no case has been registered in Karnataka yet. The alleged robbery of cash in currency notes of Rs 500 and Rs 1000, which were demonetised in November 2016, came to light on January 9 after a complaint by Nashik businessman Sandeep Patil, and Ghoti police in Nashik Rural registered an FIR. In his complaint, Patil stated that some people accused him of robbing demonetised currency and kidnapped him on October 22 last year. They assaulted him and asked him to return the money.

The Maharashtra government constituted a special investigation team (SIT) headed by an IPS officer of the rank of Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) to probe the case. The SIT registered a case of kidnapping under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and arrested six accused – Jayesh Kadam, Vishal Naidu, Sunil Dhumal, Virat Gandhi, Janardhan Dhaigude and Machchindra Madvi, all from Mumbai – on charges of kidnapping. "Investigation is in the final stage. The SIT is looking for Thane-based realtor Kishor Sawla in the case," said sources.

A police team from Belagavi is has reached Nashik and is coordinating with the SIT. "The SIT has shared some documents with Karnataka police," added sources.

EXPRESS READ

KEEPING RESCUED CHILDREN AT POLICE STATIONS VIOLATES LAW: PANEL

Bengaluru: Following an incident in Koppal district where a child was forced to be stationed in a police station, the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) has written to the Department of Women and Child Development urging them to make arrangements to shift such children to Child Care Institutions. Shashidhar Kosambe, Chairman of KSCPCR, said, "When the calls received on 112 helpline involves children's rescue, care and protection, they are brought to the police station, but they can't be stationed there the entire night. Apart from Child Care Institutions, the department has to identify other places for the child to stay temporarily including residential schools, hostels, Santvana Kendras for women, so on". The commission has also written a letter to the DG & IGP to form a Special Juvenile Police Unit in each district and city as per Section 86 of Juvenile Justice Act to coordinate all the functions of police related to children. **ENS**

IN THE BOMBAY CITY CIVIL COURT AT BOMBAY BRANCH AT DINDOSHI COMM. SUIT NO. 587 OF 2024

CEVA Logistics (India) Private Limited, Registered office at The Qube, A-902/903, 9th Floor, M.V. Road, Marol, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400059, Through it's Authorised Representative Mr. Usmangani A Patel, Age 51....Plaintiff

V/S

1. Taaree Agritech Private Limited., 226/ 1B, Old Doddabathi Road, Doddabathi Village, Davangere, Karnataka-577 566
2. Ms. Neelakanta Reddy, The Director, Taaree Agritech Private Limited, No. 8, 7th Main Road, Indiranagar, 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560038
3. Mr. Shankarreddy Ashareddy, The Director, Taaree Agritech Private Limited, No. 8, 7th Main Road, Indiranagar, 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560038..... Defendants

Take note that this Hon'ble Court will be moved before this HHJ. S.S. TODKAR, in the Court Room No. 3 on 30/01/2026 at 11:00 a.m. by the abovenamed Plaintiff for the following reliefs.

a) that this Hon'ble be please to pass a decree and order directing the Defendants to pay the Plaintiff Rs 9,86,770.22 (Nine Lakhs Eighty Six Thousands Seven Hundred Seventy and Paise Twenty Two Only) together with interest @ 19% p.a amounting to Rs. 6,22,609/-(Six Lakhs Twenty Two Thousands Six Hundred Nine only), **aggregating to an amount of Rs 16,09,379/. (Sixteen Lakhs Nine Thousands Three Hundreds Seventy Nine Only)** as more particularly described in particulars of claim at Exhibit D with further interest @19% p.a on Rs. 9,86,770.22 from the date of filing the suit till realization.
b) Cost of the Suit
c) Such other and further relief as this Hon'ble court may deem fit and proper under the circumstances of the present case.

Date : 13 November, 2025
Mr. BIJU N JACOB,
Advocate for the Plaintiff
Office No. 11, First Floor, Printing House, Police Court Lane, Fort, Mumbai - 400 001.

Sd/-, For Registrar, City Civil Court, At Dindoshi.

BHARATIYA RESERVE BANK NOTE MUDRAN PVT. LTD. (BRBNMPL)
(Wholly owned subsidiary of Reserve Bank of India)
P.O.: RBNML, Salboni - 721132, Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal
Phone No. 03227-280176 / 280317; Email: salbonipress@brbnmpl.co.in

OPEN TENDER ENQUIRY (OTE)/NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (NCB)

Bids are invited under Two-Part bidding system for the following e-Tenders: -

1. **EXPRESS e-TENDER THROUGH MSTC PORTAL FOR "MANAGEMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES AT PLANT HOSPITAL AND CSR SERVICES AT NEARBY VILLAGES, BRBNMPL, SALBONI"; MSTC EVENT NO. BRBNMPL/SALBONI PRESS/MMD/46/25-26/ET/85 [MGMT OF HEALTHCARE SERVISES]; BRBNMPL TENDER NO. 019/SAL/PUR/2025-26; [ESTIMATED COST – ₹336.00 LAKH]**
2. **e-TENDER THROUGH MSTC PORTAL FOR "SUPPLY OF MANPOWER FOR MATERIAL HANDLING AND MISCELLANEOUS WORK AT GENERAL STORES, BRBNMPL, SALBONI"; MSTC EVENT NO. BRBNMPL/SALBONI PRESS/MMD/45/25-26/ET/84 [MANPOWER FOR GENERAL STORE]; BRBNMPL TENDER NO. 020/SAL/PUR/2025-26; [ESTIMATED COST – ₹75.55 LAKH]**

Last date of tender submission for **Sl. No. 1 – 09.02.2026 by 11:00 Hrs.** and for **Sl. No. 2 – 27.02.2026 by 11:00 Hrs.** For downloading tender documents and other details, kindly visit website **www.mstcecommerce.com**. Tender details are also available at our website **www.brbnmpl.co.in**. Further extension or amendment/s, if any, shall be uploaded on the above websites.

Senior General Manager

ತುಮಕೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ

ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಬಿ.ಹೆಚ್.ರಸ್ತೆ. ತುಮಕೂರು–572 103,
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ತುವಿ/ತಾವಿ/ಟೆಂ.ಪ್ರ/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22.01.2026

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ–17
(ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)–2ನೇ ಕರೆ

ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯದ ಆವರಣದಲ್ಲಿ Repainting of Chain link fencing and Providing sliding gates at B.H Road Campus, Tumkur University, Tumkur ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ರೂ.85.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳ ಅಂದಾಜು ವೆಚ್ಚದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ನಿಯಮಾನುಸಾರ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07.02.2026 ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕವಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು ಅಥವಾ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–ಕುಲಸಚಿವರು,
ತುಮಕೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ, ತುಮಕೂರು

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that my client, **Sri. CHANDRA SEKHAR PAMULA**, S/o. Koteshwaraiah, intend to purchase the Schedule Property from Vendor, **Sri. SRINIVAS N.M** S/o. Sri. Manjunath N.V, R/at. No. 32, 5th B Cross, Defence Colony, Bagalagunte, Bengaluru North, Nagasandra, Bengaluru-560073.

General public are notified that if there are any claimants or objectors/financial institutions or any other entity opposing the sale transaction, who possess valid and tenable documents in that regard may put forth their claim if any to the title or possession of the schedule property to the address of the counsel of the purchaser within 10 days from publication. Any objection without copies of valid documents and which is made after 10 days of publication will not be considered and my client shall go ahead with the sale transaction as if there is no objection or claim.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the **Vacant Site bearing No. 30,** Property New **E- PID. No. 8994140955,** Layout formed in Sy No. 36, by the Bagalgunte House Building Co-Operative Society Ltd., Old Khata No. 1571, House List No 149, BBMP, New Khata No. 555, Presently comes under the limits of Greater Bengaluru Authority, Ward No. 14, Bagalagunte, measuring East to West: 40 Feet, North to South: 30 Feet, in all total measuring 1200 Square Feet, situated at Bagalagunte Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bengaluru and bounded on the; East by : Site No.29, House List No.148; West by : Road; North by : Site No.27, House List No.146 and South by : Site No. 41, House List No.160;

Sri.S.M.Biradar, Advocate
No.83, 2nd Floor, Sunkalpet Main Road, Cubbonpet, Bangalore-02.
Mobile: 99809 49477 Date: 27.01.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

(FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY)

NOTICE is hereby given that my Clients MR. SIDDARUDHA MK AND MRS. SHOBHA R have negotiated to purchase the schedule immovable property described hereunder. The said property is free from all encumbrances.

Any person or persons having any right, title, interest, claim or demand of whatsoever nature in respect of the said property are hereby required to make the same known in writing, along with documentary proof thereof, to the undersigned Counsel within 7 (Seven) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the proposed transaction shall be completed without any reference to such claims and the claims, if any, shall be deemed to have been waived or abandoned.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the Immovable Property bearing SITE NO. 49, BLOCK I, measuring East to West (58+59)/2 feet and North to South (47+48.5)/2 feet, totally measuring 2793 (Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-Three) Square Feet, situated at SAI LOTUS LAYOUT, CHANNASANDRA VILLAGE, UTTARAHALLI HOBLI, BANGALORE SOUTH, together with all rights, privileges and appurtenances attached thereto and bounded as follows:

East by : Road, West by : Margin Land & Private Property, North by : Property No. 48/1 & 47, South by : Private Property.

COUNSEL FOR PURCHASERS:
MS. SHILPA RANI
Vishi Law Firm, Flat No. 102B, Queens Corner, No. 3, Queens Road, Opp. Indian Express, A Block, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru - 560001.
Contact: Shilpa Rani
E-mail: vishilawfirm@gmail.com
Ph: 9741494555
Place: Bengaluru Date: 27/01/2026

DOCUMENT LOST

I, Agesh Paul S/o T. R. Paul, residing at Thanickal House, Nellangara PO, Thrissur, I have lost my original R.C. Book **Registration No. KL-08-BR-9220.** This document is of immense importance and despite best efforts to search, it could not be traced. Therefore, if the above original R.C. Book is found, I request you to contact me immediately on **9037352090**

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I, **MURALI MOHAN BATCHU**, No. 8, Sri Lakshmi Nilayam, 1st Block, 1st A Cross, Akshaya Nagar, Opp. Apoorva Paradise Apartments, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka-560016, I have Lost the Document: 1) Document : **Land Documents,** Document Registration No: 5855/03-04. The document is observed missing at **Akshaya Nagar,** from **17.07.2025** Time **2.53 am** to **25.01.2026** Time **10.46 am** and inspite of best efforts to search, it could not be traced. If found contact: **9008885824** or Please inform nearby Police Station. Reference No. **2026877/2026,** Date: **25.01.2026.**

MAHATRANSCO Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) (LOCAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING)

SRM e-Tender No. T-2603/MSETCL/CO/Projects/Pre-Tender (RFx No. 6000001482) (3rd Call)

MSETCL invites offers by SRM e-tendering in TWO bid system (Techno-Commercial Bid and Price Bid) from the eligible registered bidders for the following work as detailed below.

"Establishment of 220/33 kV Kadholi Substation at Tal. Kamptee, Dist-Nagpur along with LILO on both circuit of 220 KV Kanhan - Umred DC line-1.584 km under Nagpur Zone, MSETCL, Maharashtra." Interested bidders may obtain further information available on the website **https://srmetender.mahatransco.in**

The date of downloading of Bid documents available on the website is from 23.01.2026.

Chief Engineer (Projects), MSETCL

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri D.A. Srinivas** S/o Late D.K. Adikesavalu Aged about 52 years,R/o No. 7/21, 1st Cross, 9th Main, R.M.V. Extension, Bengaluru - 560 080, has instructed me to issue public notice with regard to properties which are subject to pending adjudications before the civil court and at presently pending considering before the Hon'ble supreme court of India. The subject of the properties are as follows:-

Sy No: 274/1, 268, 264, 267, 272/3, 273, 276, 274/2, 274/1, 275, 272/3, 272/1, 272/2, 271/1, 272/4, 15 items of agriculture Properties totally measuring 26 acres 10 guntas, situated at Avathi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.

Sy No:113/3 3A & 3B, 117, 117, 120, 118/6B, 121, 112/2, 111/1, 118/1B and 121 totally 10 items agriculture Properties measuring 6 acres 11 guntas situated at Bullahalli Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District:

Sy No: 47/2, 28/5, 29/5, 41/2, 28/6, 29/6 and 28/4, totally 7 item agriculture Properties measuring 6 acres 11 guntas situated at Dasarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District:

Sy No: 96/6, 92/5A, 89/1, 89/1, 89/1, 89/1, 87/3, 92/1 and 92/5B totally 9 itemconverted Properties measuring 6 acres 16 guntas situated at Nallurahalli Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, and Bengaluru:

Sy No: 89/1, 89/1 totally 2 items agriculture Properties measuring 29 guntas situated at Nallurahalli Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bengaluru.My client Sri. D.A. Srinivas is the owner and in possession of all the above immovable properties. A declaratory suit has been filed by client in O.S. 246/2020 against One Smt. Manjula, K.R. Pradeep and K.R. Rohith before the Court of the senior Civil Judge, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru and there was an order of status quo and lateran on an application filed by Smt. Manjula under order 7 rule 11, the said suit came to be rejected. The said judgment and decree was challenged before the Hon'ble High court of Karnataka in R.F.A. No: 2216/2023 which came to be allowed. Now said Smt Manjula is before the Hon'ble supreme court in SLP (civil) 7924/2024 challenging the judgment passed in R.F.A. 2216/2023. Hon'ble supreme court has granted interim order on 08-04-2024 and matter is required to adjudicate finally by the courts.

It is hereby informed to the general public at large that certain immovable properties, details of which are the subject matter of civil litigation, are presently pending adjudication before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Smt. Manjula, K.R. Pradeep and K.R. Rohith are trying to alienate some properties. Therefore it is hereby bringing it to the kind notice to the public that any transaction, purchase, or dealing in respect of such properties during the pendency of legal proceedings is not permissible and may render the purchaser's rights subject to the final orders of the Hon'ble Court.

Therefore, all persons are cautioned not to enter into any agreement, sale,purchase, or transaction relating to the above properties until the matter is finally adjudicated and disposed of by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Any person dealing with the said properties, despite this notice, shall be doing so at their own risk, cost, and consequences, and neither my client nor their representatives shall be responsible for any claims, losses, or disputes arising therefrom.

Issued in the interest of the public.
J&M Associates Adv. Jayasheelareddy TS
Ph 9743801260
Office at : 57/7, 1st Floor, Subbarama Chetty Road Nettakallappa Circle, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru- 560004

MALABAR CANCER CENTRE
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Thalassery, Kannur, Kerala - 670 103,Phone :+91 490 2399244/257, 2355881
Fax: 91 490 2355880,Email: mcctly@gmail.com, Web: www.mcc.kerala.gov.in

MCC/317/2025-P4-GAD **E - TENDER NOTICE** 23/01/2026

Competitive e-Tenders/Tender/Re-Tenders (Two cover systems) are invited from established manufacturers/ authorized suppliers/agencies for the supply of the following items to MCC(PGIOSR) through e tender site www.etenders.kerala.gov.in and MCC(PGIOSR) website.

Sl. No	Item Details	Tender ID/Ref. No.
1	Digital Hotplate- stirrer with minimum 4 channel and magnetic stirrers	2025_MCC_809511_3
2	Dry Shipper (Cryogenic Transport Container)	2025_MCC_824397_2
3	Wi-Fi facility and Public Addressing(PA) system	2026_MCC_828948_1
4	Desktops, Tablets with Wi-Fi, Core Network Switch (L3 Switch) With Fiber Modules And Accessories, 10GBase-T Copper SFP plus Modules	2026_MCC_828856_1
5	Unified Treat Management System (UTM) Firewall (Upgradation) and Implementation of Advanced Anti-Virus Software in the Local Area Network	2026_MCC_828918_1
6	Rotational Table top for TBI	2025_MCC_814268_4
7	Cryogenic Vials & 96 Well Storage Boxes for Biobank Facility	2025_MCC_825472_1

For details visit: www.mcc.kerala.gov.in or contact Purchase Division.
Sd/- Director

CHIKKABALLAPURA URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.
Sitrus City Meadows, 4th Sector, Tumakalahalli Village, B.B.Road, Chikkaballapur-562 101. Email ID:cuda.cbpur@gmail.com Telephone No:08156-274501.

ಸಂ:ಚಿ.ನ.ಅ.ಪ್ರಾ/Tender/03/2025–26/2348 Date:23.01.2026

Invitation for Tender

(For Lake Works –As per standard Bid Document KW 4 in two cover system.)

(1) The Commissioner, Chikkaballapur Urban Development Authority Invites Tenders from the eligible tenderers, for the construction of lake works detailed in the table below in Two cover document procedures as per KTPP rules 2000 shallbe followed. **(2)** Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-procurment website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in **(3)** Tenders must be electronically submitted in e-procurement portal. **(4)** Further information, if required, can be obtained from the office of the Commissioner, Chikkaballapur Urban Development Authority during working hours **(5)** Head of account: Lake development Cess. **(1)** Pre-bid meeting on **06.02.2026, 11:00 A.M. (2)** submission of queries **05.02.2026, 17.30. (3)** Last date & Time for receipt of tenders**: 23.02.2026, 17:30P.M. (4**) Date & Time for opening of Technical bid**: 25.02.2026, 11:00 A.M. (4)** Date & Time for opening of Financial bid: **02.03.2026, 11:00A.M. or later. Name of work: (1)** Development of Lake Bund, Entrance Arch and Toilets in Chitravathi Park by CUDA. (CKBUDA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT1). (Amount put to tender Rs.38409508.33) **(2)** Development of Parking Area, Approach Road, Food Court, Retaining Wall, Fencing for Park and Highmast Light etc. in Chitravathi Park In Chikkaballapur Urban Development Authority(CUDA) Limit. (CKBUDA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT2).(Amount put to tender Rs.40234461.56). In case of Any change in calendar of events, it will be published in e-procurement portal only. No separate paper notification will be given.

Sd/-
Commissioner,
Chikkaballapur Urban Development Authority
Chikkaballapur

DIPR/CHIKKABALLAPURA/R.O:390/KSMCA/2025-26

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client Sri Sankara Rao Peruri, son of late Peruri Kanakaiah Gupta, presently resident of C/o. S.A. Setty, Olety House No. 1103, 8th Cross, Ashok nagar, near Vidya Peeta Circle, Banashankari I Stage, Bengaluru - 560 050 and permanent resident of No.385, Anita Ava, Los Altos, CA 94024, USA, has lost original sale deed dated 29/03/1994 bearing Document No. 6830/1993-94, Book - I, Volume 783, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, K.R. Puram, Bengaluru, registered on 10/06/1994 in respect of the schedule property is misplaced / lost while travelling in bus on 24/01/2026 at Kodigehalli signal, Bengaluru, and in this regard a police complaint is Registered in NCR No. 2026019/2026.

Through this notice, my client request the general public that anybody trace out the original document, the same may be handover the same to the undersigned or to my client immediately.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the southern portion of residential property bearing Site No.8, old house list katha No. 108/8, present BBMP No. 108/8, PID No. 108/8, comes within the limits of BBMP, total measuring 4800 square feet (East to West 60 feet and North to South 80 feet) and together with 1300 square feet of RCC ground floor building with mosaic tiles with jungle wood door and mosaic flooring all rights situated at Dasarahalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru present Ward No.06, 12th Main, Maruthi Layout, H.A. Farm post, Dasarahalli Village, Bengaluru - 560 024 and the same is bounded on the:-

East by : Site No. 4 & 9, West by : Site No. 1 & 6, North by : Road; South by : Road.

S. ESHWAR REDDY, Advocate
Advocate & Notary, No.4, 2nd Floor, Satyappa Plaza, R.T. Street, Avenue Road, Bengaluru-560053. Mobile No. 9743956365
Date: 27/01/2026

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

Tender Notification
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Karnataka Housing Board invite tender through Karnataka public procurement portal for below mentioned work.

Last date for submission of bid: 07.02.2026 up to 4 PM

Sl.No.	Name of the work
1	Construction of Compound wall & Security Room to Group Housing Project at Gadag District. **Work Indent No:**KHB/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT 691 & IFT No.138/2025-26 Date: 23.01.2026. **Amount put to tender:** Rs.20,12,838/-.

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Telephone No: 080-22273511/080-22100077, Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/CP/5218/AKAR/2025-26

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru

Nine fishermen from Andhra Pradesh were among 23 Indian nationals released from the Bagerhat Jail in Bangladesh on Tuesday. The fishermen were apprehended in October last year for inadvertently crossing into Bangladesh's territorial waters while fishing

'JANA NAYAGAN' ROW: MADRAS HC SETS ASIDE SINGLE JUDGE'S ORDER

Division bench remands matter back to the single judge bench for fresh hearing

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

THE Madras High Court on Tuesday allowed the appeal filed by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC), set aside a single judge's order directing grant of U/A (16+) certification to actor-politician Vijay's film 'Jana Nayagan', and remanded the matter back to the single judge for fresh hearing.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice Manindra Mohan Shrivastava and Justice G Arul Murugan held that the single judge ought to have granted time to the CBFC to file its counter-affidavit before deciding the writ petition. The bench also observed that the producers had approached the court seeking a direct mandamus to issue the certificate, instead of challenging the CBFC chairperson's order referring the film to a revising committee.

However, rather than dismissing the petition on technical grounds, the bench granted liberty to the film's producer, KVN Productions, to amend the prayer in the writ petition and specifically challenge the chairperson's decision. The Registry was directed to restore the writ petition and list it for fresh hearing before the single judge, who was asked to decide the matter on its own merits after hearing both sides. The appeal was heard at length on January 20, following which the court had reserved orders. Earlier, on January 9, Justice P T Asha had allowed the producers' writ petition and directed the CBFC to grant U/A certification forthwith, holding that the chairperson had acted without jurisdiction after the examining committee's decision was communicated to the producers.

That order was stayed the same day by the CJ-led bench after the CBFC moved an urgent appeal. The producers' attempt to get the interim stay vacated by the Supreme Court did not succeed, with the apex court relegating the matter back to the HC.

Additional Solicitor General A R L Sundaresan, appearing for the CBFC, submitted that the examining committee was only advisory in nature and that the final authority to grant certification rested with the board under the Cinematograph Act.

TN Chief Minister MK Stalin, Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin, and others at the Global Women Summit 2026, in Chennai, on Tuesday | ASHWIN PRASATH

Dravidian model will ensure women live sans fear: Stalin

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

THE Dravidian model government will create the necessary infrastructure to ensure all educated women live independently, earn respectable salaries, become entrepreneurs and live without fear, Chief Minister MK Stalin said after inaugurating the World Bank-funded Tamil Nadu Women Employment and Safety (TNWeSafe) programme on Tuesday. On the sidelines of the programme, a two-day women's conference, with the participation of women delegates from different parts of the country, also began.

TNWeSafe aims to pave the way for the progress of women and improve their standard of living through a comprehensive framework that ensures employment opportunities, enabling services and recognition. The World Bank will provide Rs 1,250 crore for the programme over a period of five years, of which the first tranche of Rs 147 crore was disbursed to the state on Tuesday.

As part of the programme, the government will implement nine schemes - Womenomics, Women Information Bank, Synergy, Thirancudar (skill development), Kalangarai (career support), Thozhil Vidhai (entrepreneurship), Thozhilanangu (incubation) and Anbu Kudil (Care Cube). According to officials, these schemes will support and strengthen other initiatives already being implemented by the government for the progress of women.

Stalin said the TNWeSafe scheme is not limited to improving employment opportunities for women in emerging fields. Emphasising the need for support systems, he said childcare and women's care must be ensured if women are to participate in the workforce and noted the scheme addresses this through facilities such as homes and hostels. "The IMF has said reducing the economic gap between women and men will lead to rapid economic development," he said.

Infosys sets new limit on extra WFH policy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

IT major Infosys has made its work-from-home policy stricter, similar to steps already taken by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and Wipro, according to reports. The company has set a limit on extra work-from-home days. Employees can now take a maximum of five extra remote days in a quarter. Anything beyond this is allowed only in serious medical cases involving the employee or their dependents. Such requests must be supported with medical documents, including a doctor's confirmation.

Employees at job level 5 and below are already required to work from the office at least 10 days each month. The new rule applies only to requests for additional work-from-home days beyond this limit.

Meanwhile, employees facing serious medical issues can still get up to 30 extra days of remote work. The report quoted an internal email from a manager, who said the company introduced the change after a sharp rise in requests for extra remote work. Infosys did not reply to requests for a comment.

This change comes despite the company saying during its Q3 earnings press conference that it would not alter its hybrid work policy. Infosys employs over 300,000 people. Although the return-to-office policy was announced in 2023, it was enforced from March last year. Employees must spend at least three hours a day in office on working days.

Wipro has also tightened its office rules from January 1, employees must work from the office for at least six hours a day, three days a week. The number of allowed remote workdays has been reduced from 15 to 12.

TCS introduced a five-day office work policy last year.

EXPRESS READ

Sabari row: Cong holds protests across Kerala

T'puram: The Congress on Tuesday held protest marches to district collectorates across Kerala on various issues, especially the alleged misappropriation of gold from the Lord Ayyappa temple at Sabarimala. The protestors demanded the resignation of Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and Devaswom Minister and and the removal of the Travancore Devaswom Board president. ENS

3 killed in multi-vehicle collision in Tamil Nadu

Namakkal: Three people were killed and many others sustained injuries on Tuesday after a multi-vehicle collision involving a mini-truck, a lorry, and a two-wheeler on the railway flyover, police said. The deceased are Syed Wasim (30) of Kolar, Karnataka, and two local youths, Karthik and Senathipathy (25). The accident occurred when a lorry transporting cooking oil towards Tiruchirappalli collided head-on with a pickup. ENS

Kerala cable TV market: SC quashes JioStar's plea, upholds CCI probe

AGENCIES @New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Tuesday refused to entertain a plea filed by Reliance Industries-owned streaming platform JioStar seeking to halt a probe by the Competition Commission of India (CCI) into allegations of abuse of its dominant position in the Kerala cable television market.

A bench of Justices JB Pardiwala and Sandeep Mehta said the matter is at a preliminary stage and the market regulator may be allowed to continue with its probe. "Sorry. Let the regulator investigate. It is only at a preliminary stage. Dismissed," the bench told senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for JioStar.

Rohagti submitted that Jiostar is bound under the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) Act, 1997, which fixes how much it can charge or give a discount. "The question is, can you investigate in relation to a matter covered by the sectoral regulator. There is a judgment of the Bombay High Court in my favour," Rohatgi contended.

Justice Pardiwala told Rohatgi that the issue needs to be looked into. The complainant, Asianet Digital Network Limited (ADNPL), has accused Jiostar of abusing its dominance in the television broadcasting space in Kerala in contravention of the Competition Act, 2002, by providing discriminatory discounting payments and preferential treatment to the Kerala Communicators Cable Limited.

JioStar has challenged a Kerala High Court order dated December 3, 2025, which affirmed a single judge's order refusing to stay the investigation by the CCI into the allegations of violations of the Competition Act, 2002.

The CCI has directed the director general to initiate an investigation into the complaints filed by ADNPL, a digital TV service provider, against JioStar and its subsidiaries for alleged discriminatory pricing and excessive discounting to KCCL.

> **The matter is at a preliminary stage and the market regulator may be allowed to continue with its probe. "Sorry. Let the regulator investigate. It is only at a preliminary stage. Dismissed**
>
> —Division bench

SBI Hongasandra Branch : 81/1/1-2,3,4&5 Dhrutha Complex, Begur Main Road, Hongasandra, Bengaluru - 560 068.

PLEDGED GOLD ORNAMENTS FOR AUCTION

The following A/C Holder has pledged their Gold Ornaments and has raised the loan against it from **State Bank of India,** below mentioned branches. Notices have been sent, but loan was not paid. Therefore the Auction of the gold ornaments will be conducted as per the present market value at our **SBI, in respective Branch premises** on **05.02.2026 4.00 pm Onwards.**

BRANCH NAME	(CODE)
Hongasandra Branch	(12662)
ACCOUNT NO	**AMOUNT**
44152660342	Rs. 7,74,360/-

Manager

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2 AT BANGALORE

BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560 001

Case No: O.A.No. 430/2025

Between: HDFC Bank Ltd. ...Applicant

:And:

Sri. Kesa Venkata Subramanyam ...Defendants

To,

1. Sri. Kesa Venkata Subramanyam S/o. Sri. Kesaradhakrishnapan, Aged About 59 Years No.36/3/1A, Muniyappa House, Veerasagara Main Road, Attur, Bengaluru - 560 064.

Also at: Sri. Kesa Venkata Subramanyam, S/o. Sri. Kesaradhakrishnapan, Aged About 59 Years, Flat No.405, 4th Floor, Sy.No.136, Gunjor Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru South, Bangalore - 560 087.

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (Viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS: the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions, Act, 1993, against the above defendants for the recovery of sum of Rs.1,14,59,822/- (Rupees One Crore Fourteen Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand & Eight Hundred Twenty Two Only) amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on **31-03-2026 at 10:30 a.m.** as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this day of 28-11-2025.

BY THE ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
Sd/- REGISTRAR-2
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2
BANGALORE

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE XXXV ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE (CCH- 36) AT BENGALURU

O.S. NO. 4781 OF 2025

BETWEEN: 1) SMT.S. SHANTHA KUMARI & OTHERS All are residing at No.17, 2nd Cross, New Police Station Road, KTV Garden, Muniyappa Layout, KR Puram, Bengaluru-560 036. **PLAINTIFFS**

AND: SRI. N. RAVIKUMAR & OTHERS DEFENDANTS

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION

To: 1) **SRI. N. RAVIKUMAR,** S/o Mr. Narayanappa, Aged about 37 years, Residing at No.114/2, Seegenahalli Village, K.R. Puram, Virgo Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560 049. **2) MR. ISHWAR SINGH,** S/o Mr. Balaji Singh, Aged about 39 Years, Residing at No.32, Narayana Reddy Layout, Kodigehalli Post, Kadugodi Post, Bengaluru-560 067.

Whereas the above named Plaintiff instituted a Suit against you seeking for the relief of cancellation of Regd. Agreement of Sale with respect to the suit schedule property.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Court on 13.02.2026 at 11 am in person or through Advocate/Pleader to answer the question to the same, failing which the Suit shall be heard and determined without your presence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, this 20th day of January 2026

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the land measuring 2-00 Acres (Two Acres) in Survey No.66/2 (Sixty Six sub Two), situated at KRISHNARAJAPUA VILLAGE, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, and bounded on the: East by: Gurumurthappa's property, West by: K.T.Venkatappe's property, North By: I.T.I Property, South By: Railway Property

By Order of the Court
Senior Seristedar, Asst. Registrar, City Civil Court Bengaluru

SACHIN.V.R, ADVOCATE, **"S. V. R & ASSOCIATES"** "Janani "No. 545/85, 42nd Cross, 1st Main, Jayanagar 8th block, Bengaluru-560 078. Mob. 9880923099 Email. Sachin.lawmnsion@gmail.com

IN THE COURT OF THE XXV ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH 23)

P & SC NO : 13/2026

BETWEEN : 1. M.S. VIJAYA, Aged about 68 Years, D/o. Late.M.S. Subbarao, W/o. Narayanamurthy, Residing at No. 179, SP Road, VV puram, Bengaluru South, Basavanagudi Post, Bengaluru - 560004 **2. M.S. GIRIJA,** Aged about 73 Years, D/o. Late.M.S. Subbarao, W/o.B.M. Venkatakrishna, Residing at No. 102, Brahmana Beedi, Bidaraguppe, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru: 562107 **3. M.S. KAMALA,** Aged about 80 Years, D/o. Late.M.S. Subbarao, W/o.Rajivlochanam, Residing at No.12/3, 2nd Cross, Gavipuram Extension, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru : 560019 **4. H.S. KUMARAN,** Aged about 74 Years, S/o.Ydyam Subbaiah, At No.2231, 3rd Block, Near Vijaya Hospital, SMV Layout, Doddabasti Main Road, Ullalu, Bengaluru : 560056 **5. H.S. CHANDRASHEKARAIAH,** Aged about :95 Years, S/o.Ydyam Subbaiah, At No. 247, Brahmins Street, Dodballapur, Bengaluru Rural, Bengaluru: 561203 **...PETITIONERS**

AND : NIL ...RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

That these Petitioners have filed this petition under section 372 OF THE INDIAN SUCCESSION ACT 1925. These Petitioners are praying to Grant a Succession Certificate under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925, in favour of these Petitioners, in respect of the estate and assets left behind by the deceased Smt. M.S. Nagarathna, consisting of : The Savings Bank Account bearing No. 10421739028 maintained with the State Bank of India, Gandhi Bazar Branch, Bengaluru, and the Locker linked to the said account in the same branch which was being maintained by Smt.M.S. Nagarathna.

Hence, if there are any objections or any claimants apart from these Petitioners, they can choose to file their objections on **23/03/2026 at about 11:00 AM** before CCH23 XXV ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE at Bengaluru, failing which the suit will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

The Savings Bank Account bearing No. 10421739028 maintained with the State Bank of India, Gandhi Bazar Branch, Bengaluru, and

The Locker facility linked to the said account in the same branch;

Given under by hand and seal of the court, this 19th day of January 2026.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court, Bangalore

Mahadevaswamy. M,
Arasu Associates - Advocates,
Office No.201, Prem Nivas Union Street, Bengaluru : 560001

ANDHRA PRADESH FOREST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Govt. of Andhra Pradesh Undertaking)
Regd. Off: Jodugullapalem, Near Visalakshmi Nagar, Beside APEPDCL, Visakhapatnam-530043

Ref.No.4.5.17/Coffee/2025-26/A2, Dated: 24.01.2026

Coffee Beans Sale Notification

Sale of Graded Coffee Beans of 2025-26 season by e-auction through NCDEX e-Markets Limited, will be held on all Fridays commencing from 6th February, 2026 till the Quantity is disposed. As per the auction schedule, the auctions falling on 20.03.2026 (Friday), 27.03.2026 (Friday), and 03.04.2026 (Friday) coincide with public holidays. Hence, the auctions on these dates will instead be conducted on 21.03.2026 (Saturday), 28.03.2026 (Saturday), and 04.04.2026 (Saturday) respectively. For registration with NeML, Special Terms and Conditions of coffee sales, dates of sale and other updates, visit websites **www.apfdc.com / www.Neml.in**. For details contact: APFDC 8008301628. NeML : Tel. No.022-66473153/54 (or) 9885549722, E-mail : askus@neml.in.

Sd/- Dr. Jyothi Thullimelli IFS,
Chief Conservator of Forests & Regional Manager,
A.P.F.D.C. Limited, Visakhapatnam

DIPR No.4767PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt:27/01/2026

बीकानेर नगर निगम
नगर निगम मार्ग, बीकानेर (राजस्थान) फैक्स :– 2226906, फोन :– 0151–2226902, 0151–2226905
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TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender is invited for Supply of Equipments E.N.T And Anasthesia Department KIMS Koppal under two cover Bid system as per KTPP Act 1999 rule 2000 KPPP portal of Government of Karnataka. Tender Approximate Cost E.N.T: **24.78 Lakhs, EMD Rs.50,000/-** And Anasthesia: **20.90 Lakhs, EMD Rs.50,000/-**

1) Tender documents may download from the **28/01/2026 from 05.30 PM**

2) Last Date for Submission of Tender **13/02/2026 up to 05.30 PM**

Further information may be obtained from the above office during office hours & also from Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and this office web-site www.kimskoppal.kar.nic.in

Sd/- Dean cum Director,
Koppal Institute of Medical Science,
Koppal.

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(An Autonomous Institute of Goverment of Karnataka)
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE MEDICAL COLLEGE & RESEARCH INSTITUTE, BENGALURU

No.SABVMCRI/E-TENDER/RIRS/12/2025-26 Dated: 27.01.2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders is invited from interested eligible firms in accordance with KTPP act 1999 and 2000 act for notification of Tender for Supply and Installation of Equipment to Various Departments of Affiliated Hospitals Under Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College and Research Institute, Bengaluru.

1) Date of Commencement of Download of Tender Document from eProcurement website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ from 27.01.2026 2) Date of Online Queries: 04.02.2026 at 5:30 pm. 3) Last Date and Time for uploading of e-tender in e-procurement portal: 10.02.2026 upto 5:30 pm. 4) Date and Time of Online Opening of Technical Bids (Single Cover System): 12.02.2026 at 11:00 am.

For more details pertaining this tender, contact the Director and Dean / Assistant Administrator of the Institute during Office Hours.

Sd/- Director Cum Dean,
Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College & Research Institute, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/5227/CCL/2025-26

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client **Sri. MOHAMMED ASHRAFF**, aged about 49 years, S/o Sri. Mohammed Ali, residing at No. 12, 3rd Cross, Sulthan Palya, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore 560 032, has negotiated to purchase the under-mentioned immovable Schedule Property from **Smt. SHANTHA BALAKRISHNAN,** aged about 81 years, W/o late Balakrishnan R. @ Balakrishnan Rajagopal, and her children **1. Smt. USHA MOHAN,** aged about 60 years, W/o Sri. Rangaswamy Mohan, **2. Sri. KARTHIK BALAKRISHNAN,** aged about 55 years, S/o late Balakrishnan R. @ Balakrishnan Rajagopal, **3. Smt. SANDHYA VANKAMAMIDI,** aged about 51 years, W/o Sri. Ravishankar Vankamamidi, **currently residing at No. 56, Chikka Bazar Street, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore - 560 051, permanently residing at No. 720, Century Circle, Waukee, IOWA, 50263 USA, who are the present owners of the Schedule Property.** If any person has any objection to sale or claims over the Schedule Property, the same should be communicated with the undersigned **within 15 days** from the date of publication of this Notice, failing which my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the **Residential Property bearing Municipal No. 56, E-PID No. 3346609105, Old Municipal No. 56/1, Old PID No. 78-62-56, Old House No. 152, Old Property Nos. 9/1 & 9/2, Old Plot No. 3, Old Land No.3, situated at Chikka Bazar Road, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore - 560 051, comes under Bangalore Central City Corporation / BBMP Ward No. 63, Old Ward No. 78, Bangalore, in all measuring 2998 Square Feet** and bounded on the:

East by : No. 1, Chikka Bazar Cross
West by : No. 54, Chikka Bazar Road
North by : No. 5, Chikka Bazar Cross
South by : Chikka Bazar Road.

GANESH ASSOCIATES
N. GANESHA
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#33/30, 1st Floor, Annaiahppa Building, 2nd Cross, Hennur-bagalur Main Road, Hennur Cross, Kalyananagar, Bengaluru-560 043.
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CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA NIYAMITHA
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TENDER NOTIFICATION

No.16/2025-26, Dated: 27-01-2026

Tender is invited through KPP Portal by the Executive Engineer, No.2 VCC Division, Mysuru on behalf of the Managing Director CNNL Bengaluru from Eligible Registered Contractors for 02 Number of Providing Pipeline to existing raising main & Improvements to Canal service road works amounting from 15.00 Lakhs to 200.00 Lakhs to take up these works on Item Rate Contract basis. The last date for Tender quarries/clarification is **Date: 07-02-2026 till 5.30pm.** Last date for online submission of tender with **EMD is Date:-10-02-2026 till 5.00 p.m.** Date of opening of Technical bid is **Date: 12-02-2026 at 11.30 a.m.** and Date of opening of Financial bid is Date: 1**6-02-2026 at 5.30 pm** For further details, contact the above said during office hours and through KPP-Portal by logging in **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, CNNL., No.2 VCC Division, Mysuru

THE JANATHA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.
H.O: #156, 8th Main, 17th Cross, Malleshwaram West, Bengaluru - 560055, Ph: 080- 23341972/ 2344 2648
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POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **The Janatha Co-Operative Bank Limited, Bangalore** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) & 13(12) with rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notices dated calling upon the following Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest / cost etc,. **within 60 days** from the date of the said notice. Details of demand notices such as date of issue and loan outstanding amount are mentioned against each borrower under.

1. Name of the Borrower/Co-Obligant: Mr.Nanjundegowda S/o Mr.K.T. Bojegowda, No.101/A, 3rd A Cross , 6th main, 7th Block, 2nd phase, Nagarabavi, Bangalore – 560072.

Demand notice dated : 16.10.2025 Possession Notice Date : 22.01.2026

Total amount mentioned in the notice: **Rs.1,17,18,277/- (Rupees One Crore Seventeen Lakh Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Seven Only) as on 30.09.2025** and further interest thereon.

Description of the Property: Property bearing New No.9, Old No.3416, 1st Main Road, 'C' Block, 6th cross, Gayathrinagar, Bangalore-560021 situated at BBMP Ward No.76, Old Ward No.98, PID No.8-44-9 and measuring East to West 43+42/2 Feet and North to South 30 Feet totalling into 1275 Sq. ft. and bounded on: East by : Road, West by : Road, North by : Site No.3417, South by : Site No.3416/A.

2. Name of the Borrower/Co-Obligant: Mr.Suresh S S/o Mr.Sajjarayappa, No.4, 11th 'A' Cross, Vyalikaval, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560003.

Demand notice dated : 08.05.2025 Possession Notice Date : 22.01.2026

Total amount mentioned in the notice: **Rs.8,58,341/- + Rs.4,91,555/- Totalling into Rs.13,74,896/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Seventy Four thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Six only)** as on **31.03.2025** and further interest thereon.

Description of the Property: Property No. BBMP/BDA/New Municipal No.04, (Old No.07), 11th 'A' Cross, Vyalikaval, Malleswaram, Bangalore situated in BBMP Ward No.5 (Kodandaramapura) (PID No.5-89-4) and measuring East to West 20 Feet and North to South 34 Feet and bounded on East by: Property No.6, West by : Property No.8, North by : Property No.14, South by: Road.

The above borrowers / Mortgagers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers and the public in general that the under signed has taken symbolic possession of the properties described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said act read with the rule 8 of the said Rules on above dates. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **The Janatha Co- Operative Bank Limited, Malleswaram West, Bangalore** for the amount mentioned against their names with further interest accrued thereon cost.

Date : 22.01.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The Janatha Co-op., Bank Ltd.,

EDITORIAL

The future belongs to nations with grains and not guns — M S Swaminathan

INDIAN EXPRESS IS NOT AN INDUSTRY. IT IS A MISSION.

— Ramnath Goenka

POLITICAL RESOLVE NEEDED TO ENSURE NEW POLICY KEEPS POWER AFFORDABLE

THE draft National Electricity Policy envisions a profitable power sector focused on phasing out subsidies and establishing a cost-effective model for generation, transmission and distribution. The draft, which is up for public consultation till February 19, highlights the need for an optimal power mix with a thrust on increasing the share of non-fossil-fuel capacity, promoting competition in supply, and strengthening grids for better integration of renewable energy. The aim is to prepare for per-capita power consumption of 2,000 kWh by 2030, just over double the current level.

Structural issues have made the power sector unattractive to private investment. The sector continues to be plagued by high aggregate technical and commercial (AT&C) losses, tariff revisions delays and differential tariffs. The draft policy seeks to address these by proposing an index-linked, automatic tariff revision mechanism to ensure timely cost recovery. It recommends that increases in power purchase costs be automatically passed on to consumers. At the same time, it proposes exempting cross-subsidy charges for certain large consumers such as manufacturing units and the railways to enhance their competitiveness. The policy also calls for reducing subsidies by ensuring that no tariff falls below 50 percent of the average supply cost.

If implemented, these measures could lead to a short-term rise in electricity prices, with consumers bearing the immediate brunt. However, the policy outlines a broader plan to ensure that consumers ultimately pay the 'right' price. A key pillar of this approach is a sharp reduction in AT&C losses to single-digit levels from the current 16 percent. Achieving the right energy mix would be another tool to keep prices affordable, with a larger role for solar and wind energy, hydropower and nuclear power. The draft opens up the possibility of direct use of nuclear power by commercial and industrial consumers.

The challenge, however, will lie in ensuring a resilient and flexible grid—not only to integrate renewable energy at scale but also to address emerging cybersecurity and climate risks. While the policy's objectives are pragmatic, aimed at preparing for new-age challenges, the adequacy of infrastructure and the political will to sustain these reforms will be put to serious tests. Only if the government demonstrates resolve in implementing these measures can India move towards a more consumer-friendly and commercially sustainable power sector.

I.T. CITY MUST BREAK OUT OF TRAFFIC PARALYSIS

BENGALURU'S ranking as India's most traffic-clogged city and the world's second-most congested should ring alarm bells for administrators and citizens alike. The latest TomTom Traffic Index places India as the fifth-most congested country globally, estimating that in 2025 commuters in the IT City spent 74 percent more time travelling than they would have under free-flowing conditions. Bengaluru was followed by Pune (71 percent), Mumbai (63 percent), Delhi (60 percent) and Kolkata (59 percent). For Bengalureans, this translates into the equivalent of an entire week lost annually in peak-hour traffic. The cumulative impact—thousands of productive work hours wasted every year—has led tech leaders to flag long commutes as a drag on efficiency and rising costs, with some even considering relocation or a continued reliance on work-from-home models.

The causes of the city's daily gridlock are well known. Limited road infrastructure, cratered surfaces, explosive vehicular growth, motorists' indiscipline and inadequate, often expensive public transport have combined to paralyse mobility. The failure is evident at multiple levels—from the inability to plan for a fast-growing metropolis and complete infrastructure projects on time, to delays in suburban rail systems and citizens' overwhelming dependence on personal vehicles. The concentration of IT jobs in far-flung hubs such as Whitefield and Electronic City further lengthens commutes and worsens congestion. When public transport is unreliable or unviable, commuters are inevitably pushed towards private vehicles and app-based cabs.

To counter criticism, Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar has unveiled a 25-year plan to decongest the state's major cities, including proposals for ring roads and wider carriageways. Bengaluru alone has been allocated ₹2.5 lakh crore for buffer roads and elevated corridors. While the investment is substantial, infrastructure expansion by itself will not unclog the city.

Global cities such as London, New York and Rome have taken politically difficult decisions, including imposing congestion charges in designated zones. Such measures appear distant for Bengaluru, which still lacks a comprehensive legal framework even for parking fees. Yet, immediate solutions are within reach: towing away illegally parked vehicles, cracking down on autorickshaws obstructing arterial roads, enforcing discipline through stiff fines, and prioritising efficient public transport and walkable pavements. Large projects—the tunnel road, metro expansion and suburban rail—are moving ahead, but far too slowly for a city already at a breaking point. What Bengaluru needs is urgency, enforcement and imagination. The government must act decisively to break the city's traffic paralysis.

QUICK TAKE

SMELL THE RAT

IF official excuses are to be believed, Indian rats must be a peculiar variant particularly addicted to narcotics. In recent months, law enforcement agencies in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh have claimed in court that rats had spirited away large amounts of seized contraband material. In Jharkhand, rodents were blamed for eating through 200 kg of cannabis that went missing from custody around the turn of the year; they were also blamed last year for drinking through 800 bottles of liquor. Courts must smell the rat through such eyebrow-arching defence and pull up the concerned personnel for incompetence at the very least. Mandating safekeeping in court-monitored stores could also keep the rodents at bay.

Ecologist Madhav Gadgil would have considered the common man's way of looking at the Aravalli hills—through memories, stories and livelihoods. In contrast, the scientific report on the range is arid

THE ARAVALLIS: A GADGILESQUE REIMAGINATION

SHIV VISVANATHAN

Social scientist associated with the Compost Heap, a group researching alternative imaginations

MANDAR PARDIKAR

THE passing of Madhav Gadgil made front-page news earlier this month. The obituaries emphasised his competence, his achievements, his skill at institution building. They cited, as an example, the Institute of Ecological Sciences at the Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru that he founded.

Few, however, emphasised the quality of the man and the power of his imagination. One wishes the word 'Gadgilesque' would become a part of common language, representing a new way of looking at man and nature. In that sense, this article is a stand-in waiting for his colleagues, Raman Sukumar and Ramachandra Guha, to elaborate on his imagination.

The question one must strive to ask is, what would happen if Gadgil were to redo the Aravalli report? The Aravallis are a set of mountain ranges ranging across several northern and western states that are being requalified in a scientific report.

At first sight, it would immediately strike Gadgil that this report pretends to be a technical answer to a technical question. It seeks to specify the angle of elevation as a standard answer to all questions. So how would Gadgil respond?

One has to begin by emphasising that many of our major scientists, especially the unorthodox ones, were also critical-political theorists. For example, Meghnad Saha used the idea of energy as a unit of progress, especially of industrial development. Chemist C V Seshadri used the notion of thermodynamics to re-examine the idea of waste in democracy. Scientist, A K N Reddy, who was Gadgil's colleague, used the idea of community and scale to understand the idea of energy. In a similar way, Gadgil used the notion of diversity to challenge the assumptions of political theory, especially as embedded in the Constitution.

Diversity was not just a concept for Gadgil, it was a metaphysics. It was a word that connoted difference, dialogue and plurality. He used the concept to challenge the Enlightenment idea of nature. Nature, in Western theory, was a mere commodity. What Gadgil did was to rework the idea of nature into a gradient of ecological imaginations.

He claimed that ecology studied the intertwined ideas of life, life-world, livelihood, lifestyle, lifecycle and life chances. There was a music to nature in Gadgil's vocabulary. It was a gradient of scales, a rhythm in time. Diversity anchors the very idea of the democratic imagination.

The slogan 'liberty, equality and fraternity' was incomplete. Gadgil added to the first triangle a second one—equity, diversity and justice. One had to read democracy through both lenses, otherwise the notion of right becomes truncated. What Gadgil showed was that diversity included the words 'marginality' and 'minority', and the ideas of vulnerability and erasure.

In this context, by seeking a single solution of a three-degree angle of elevation as a definition of the Aravallis, the scientific report creates a crisis of democracy. The number of hillocks that then become open to mining is stupendous. The number of livelihoods lost is a point of indifference. Diversity, as Gadgil reminded, is a word that hyphenates life, livelihood and life chances.

Gadgil would even add a third triangle. He would look at the relation between experts, interest groups and ordinary citizens. One must remember that Gadgil was an exceptional listener. He listened to voices that were marginal to the scientific discourse and added a sense of equity to Indian politics. The question one must ask is what kind of interventions, beyond the re-reading of the report, would Gadgil offer.

Gadgil was both an inventive person and a creative listener. He would have suggested combining the Aravalli report with the Right to Information Act. This right includes the right to knowledge, to the context within which a decision is made. One has to, therefore, list the variety of interest groups that go into the making of a decision. For this, one has to understand how mining, rather than increasing productivity, can destroy the very identity of the Aravalli hills. The amount of hillocks already open to mining signals the beginning of this erasure.

But Madhav Gadgil would go further. Today, he might have suggested the establishment of a Knowledge Panchayat. It is an institution to combine layman's language and expert insight. A Knowledge Panchayat would capture a spectrum of insights and theories about the Aravallis. In ordinary language, the Aravalli report has to democratise knowledge and focus on diversity to sustain democracy. In a deeply technical sense, it is both one-sided and monochromatic.

Gadgil captured this insight brilliantly in his autobiography, *A Walk Up The Hill: Living with People and Nature*. He explained that a landscape is not a geographical contour or a geometric outline. A landscape is a collection of childhood memories and narratives, combining the ecological and aesthetic visions of a society. Mere geometry cannot count for the nature of landscape. Gadgil, thus, possesses a poetics and an ethics of nature which the Aravalli report reduces to a purely instrumental view.

Gadgil would have proposed a tacit constitution. One has to look at how ordinary people look at nature—sacred memory, storytelling and livelihood—to look at ecology. The Aravalli report is indifferent to all this. Gadgil would have proposed ecological folktales from the Aravallis as an antidote to the report.

A Gadgilesque imagination thus becomes a pedagogic remedy to the arid mentality behind the Aravalli report. But one can't stop here. One has to understand that diversity is a word that has to be reworked into the Constitution. Diversity is not just a concept restricted to arid definitions of marginality and minority. Diversity demands a plurality of language, multiplicity of dialogues and a kind of storytelling that has to be reworked into the Constitution. Diversity is a celebration of difference.

Most government reports are protectors of uniformity. Diversity, as Gadgil said, has to be reworked with ideas of both nature and culture. Nature is not just a few mammals and trees; it includes the atmosphere, and even the bacteria and their symbiotic relation with man and other animals.

Gadgil's eventual message is that ecology has to rework democracy to anchor the future of India. The Aravalli report is a piece of authoritarianism and illiteracy that needs to be discarded.

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A POOR MAN'S SUPERPOWER

C P SURENDRAN

Author whose latest volume of poetry is *Window with a Train Attached*

LAST week at Davos, there was the usual contingent of Indian chief ministers and central ministers along with a familiar bunch of media representatives. Seeming quite cosy among themselves, they might as well have been sitting in a TV studio in Mumbai or Delhi, having tea before going live.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said his government signed 19 memorandums of understanding worth ₹30 lakh crore, focused on green energy, data centres and semiconductors.

Jharkhand reportedly signed an agreement with Tata Steel worth over ₹11,000 crore for advanced 'green steel' technology. Why could this not be inked in Jharkhand?

Madhya Pradesh secured a logistics hub deal with DP World to boost the state's export competitiveness.

Since there have been annual MoU jamborees by the dozen in India almost every year, none of the above is a reliable indicator of the future. Indeed, it would be good to conduct an audit of the MoUs that the country and the states sign with compulsive cheer every year. How many of them have actually materialised?

To the sceptic, Davos bared India's painful position, both politically and economically. And the main reason for that was articulated by Gita Gopinath, an economics professor at Harvard. The session moderator asked her rather hopefully about how India would deal with the trade tariffs put in place by Donald Trump, one of the most disruptive US presidents of all time, and Gopinath said that air pollution in India was a far graver economic and health threat than tariffs.

Gopinath, a former deputy managing director at the International Monetary Fund said that pollution accounted for roughly 18 percent of all deaths in India, according to the World Bank. The economic toll of this—more than 4,600 daily fatalities on average, inflated health bills and eroded productivity, coupled with deterred investment—likely outweighs any damage a Washington tariff could inflict, she said.

In this light, India's 'restraint' at Davos felt less like a choice and more like a necessity. When your capital city is gasping for air, posturing on the global stage holds potential for comedy.

But it's not just Delhi. If the capital, housing so much political power, cannot do a thing about the air it breathes, what could be the state of infrastructure—breathable air included—in other cities?

The appalling urban squalor, the lack of basic comforts in transport and roads, and an unhelpful bureaucracy translate into a general condition of anxiety. India recently overtook Japan to become the fourth-largest economy. How ironic an achievement this is when the per-capita income of Japan is about $36,390 and India's is $3,050.

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> Davos deliberations exacerbated a glaring gap in India's reality—between polluted cities and aspirational programmes. There's little reason to feel proud about a massive GDP when the average Indian remains poor. We must focus on improving the ease of living

India's structural fragility gives the lie to its Bovarism. Its old cities are hell-holes. Its inability to build new cities is proverbial—the last major one was Chandigarh, built in the 1950s and now essentially a sort of nice senior community centre where retired army officers enjoy their morning walks.

Cities like Mumbai can no longer 'redevelop' beyond a point. Bengaluru—our Silicon Valley—is bursting with garbage. Despite the progressive noises that CM Stalin makes, Chennai is coming undone at the seams. Which partly explains why foreign talent, a true measure of a city's potential, does not find India attractive.

According to the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, almost 25,000 foreigners were in India on work visas at the beginning of February 2024. There's no telling if any of them have made India their home, but anecdotal evidence suggests hardly any have.

We are constantly talking about ease of business. Maybe we should begin by talking about ease of life. The ugliness of Indian cities is a source of perennial depression. A squalid lifestyle indicates a squalid economy. This is why, when Indian leaders and businessmen talk about the "resilience of the Indian economy", it sounds like a locker-room pep talk.

No one at Davos or back in Delhi said a word about one of the fallouts of Trump's tariffs and H-1B visa restrictions. In the last few months, a new trend has emerged in which Indian-origin professionals are returning from the US in large numbers. While they are not 'foreigners' in the legal sense, they are international talent. One count estimates about two-fifths increase in tech workers moving from the US to India.

In a related development, Indian student arrivals in the US plummeted by more than two-fifths. They are mostly stuck in India now. Many of them are brainy kids with real ambitions. Once brain drain was the problem; now brain gain is a problem. Has the government formulated a policy for absorbing the returnees? Has any opposition member raised this vital question in public forums?

True progress, as discussed on the fringes of Davos, requires more than just aggregate growth; it requires elevating Indian per-capita metrics towards the $4,000 mark by 2030.

Without deep reforms in education and skilling, India risks remaining that odd and perplexing thing—a poor man's superpower: a nation with a massive military and space programmes, but a workforce that lacks the basic habitability and health to sustain its climb. What is it like to send a rocket to the moon and then wheeze one's way back through litter to the urinal that will not flush?

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Democratised honours

Ref: *Civilian honours: Continuity with a wider embrace* (Jan 27). It's heartening to learn that the unsung grassroots heroes are identified and honoured. Such democratic practices of careful selection were unheard of earlier. The brains behind the ideas need to be appreciated. Criticism from narrow-minded elitists will come and go.
P Prema, Thanjavur

Swadeshi icon

I want to bring into notice the contributions of V O Chidambaram Pillai who is yet to be duly honoured for his service to the nation during the independence struggle. He also pushed for India's first indigenous shipping enterprise—a rare feat at the time—which shook the British and was a major milestone in India's swadeshi movement.
S Shanmugam, email

Using AI

Ref: *Can AI help India breathe easier?* (Jan 27). Air pollution in India is no longer an acute occurrence but a persistent public health emergency. If AI can effectively help by collecting and analysing real-time data, the necessary policy help must be the next responsible action.
Pariza Rahman, Bengaluru

House conduct

Ref: *'Strengthen culture of discussion & dialogue, not disruption'* (Jan 27). The onus of ensuring prescribed norms also rests with the presiding officers whose impartiality in conducting the House could go a long way in fostering a sense of camaraderie between the treasury and opposition benches. Mic dysfunction claims and denial to raise questions do not augur well.
C V Aravind, Chennai

FTA's scope

Ref: *Free trade deal with EU done* (Jan 27). The pact is not just about trade; it is about people's lives. It has the potential to provide jobs and hope, but only if the rights of workers, farmers, and small-scale businesses are safeguarded. The true measure of success will be if common people feel more secure and hopeful, not just trade statistics.
Swasthi P Shetty, Bengaluru

Secure conversations

Ref: *EU opens investigation into Grok* (Jan 27). Such technologies are known to use aural data for targeting users, which denotes patchy independent oversight of information use. The US government, authorised to 'analyse' the data, must take note of the EU's seven-point AI ethics guidelines.
Sureshbabu Kalyansundaram, email

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra @priyankagandhi
The Narendra Modi government wants to destroy the MGNREGA scheme and snatch away workers' legal right to employment. The people of the country will not accept this.

Tejashwi Yadav @yadavtejashwi
The arrogant NDA government, which won on the strength of machines and machinery, must wake up. The boastful leader-ministers should focus on their governance.

Yogi Adityanath @myogiadityanath
Whenever the process of development moves forward, these nepotistic and casteist forces will once again rear their heads and attempt to create disorder...

India eyes a pie in ReArm(ing) Europe

Rajnath says India-EU pact will open up possibilities for domestic industry as EU diversifies

JAVARIA RANA @ New Delhi

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh with European Union Vice President Kaja Kallas | PTI

DEFENCE & SECURITY

Formalisation of an India-EU Security and Defence Partnership, expanding cooperation in strategic and geopolitical domains

Launch of negotiations for an India-EU Security of Information Agreement to enable secure exchange of classified and sensitive information

INDIA and the European Union (EU) on Tuesday signed the landmark Security and Defence Partnership (SDP) on the sidelines of the 16th India-EU Summit in New Delhi.

While India and the EU have shared a strategic partnership since 2004, defence cooperation has until now been conducted largely through dialogue mechanisms and occasional joint activities rather than formal, binding arrangements. European Council President Antonio Costa described the SDP as "the first overarching defence and security framework between India and the European Union." India now joins Japan and South Korea as the only Asian partners to have such an agreement.

The government said in a statement on Tuesday that Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, during his meeting with European Commission Vice President Kaja Kallas, said that "India's defence industry can play a meaningful role in the EU's 'ReArm initiative', especially when the EU is seeking to rapidly diversify suppliers and derisk dependencies".

The partnership comes as the EU seeks to rapidly strengthen defence production and industrial capacity under its 'ReArm initiative', a comprehensive programme launched earlier this year to mobilise up to $800 billion in defence spending. The plan, which includes a $150 billion joint procurement instrument, aims to close capability gaps exposed by the Ukraine war and reduce Europe's dependence on external suppliers amid growing uncertainty over the sustained US security commitments.

Singh added that the framework would integrate supply chains and help build "trusted defence ecosystems", in line with India's 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' vision. An annual EU-India Security and Defence Dialogue will oversee the implementation of the partnership.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and European Council President António Costa hailed the deal as expanding cooperation "in areas such as maritime security, counterterrorism and cyber-defence". The joint summit statement noted that the SDP will deepen ties across maritime security, defence industry and technology, cyber and hybrid threats, space and counterterrorism, among other domains.

Another concrete outcome of the agreement is enhanced maritime coordination. India accepted the EU's proposal to station a liaison officer at the Indian Navy's Information Fusion Centre–Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR) in Gurugram, a move intended to strengthen joint counter-piracy patrols and threat assessment in the Indian Ocean.

India's defence engagement with Europe spans major platforms and industrial collaborations. These include French Rafale fighter jets from Dassault Aviation, Scorpene-class diesel-electric submarines built in India with French technology under Project 75, and Airbus C295 military transport aircraft, now being assembled domestically by Tata Advanced Systems. Partnerships with companies such as Safran and MBDA further integrate the Indian industry into European defence supply chains through technology transfers and joint production.

In parallel, Indian private defence firms are supplying Europe with ammunition, electronics, naval repair services and emerging unmanned systems—areas where European countries face shortages amid accelerated rearmament plans, particularly in the wake of the Ukraine war.

Global trade uncertainties, US role redefine ties with EU

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

DIPLOMATIC OUTCOME

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK
Adoption of a Joint India-EU Comprehensive Strategic Agenda as the overarching roadmap guiding the partnership across political, economic, security and people-to-people domains through 2030

SKILLING & MOBILITY
MoU establishing a comprehensive framework for cooperation on mobility, easing movement of skilled professionals

Announcement of a European Union pilot Legal Gateway Office in India to improve skill recognition, legal clarity, and workforce mobility

DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT
Administrative arrangement between India's NDMA and the EU's DG-ECHO for cooperation on disaster risk reduction, preparedness, and emergency response

CLEAN ENERGY & CLIMATE ACTION
Constitution of a Green Hydrogen Task Force for collaboration on clean energy tech and decarbonisation pathways

AFTER nearly two decades of stalled negotiations, the sudden political momentum behind the India–European Union trade agreement is less about tariffs alone and more about a rapidly shifting geoeconomic order. As global trade fragments under the weight of strategic rivalry, sanctions, and protectionism, New Delhi and Brussels have found compelling reasons to move faster and closer. European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen's declaration of the pact as the "mother of all deals" and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's description of it as "historic" reflect more than diplomatic hyperbole.

For India, the deal comes amid rising uncertainty in its trade relations with the United States. Diversifying trade partnerships has become a strategic necessity rather than an option. Recent agreements with the UK, Australia, Oman, New Zealand and the European Free Trade Association bloc underscore New Delhi's "many baskets" approach.

For the EU, the calculus is equally geostrategic. With transatlantic ties increasingly volatile illustrated by Trump's recent threat to escalate a trade war with European allies over Greenland and the bloc is seeking economic certainty and strategic autonomy. As EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas bluntly put it, "We can't put all our eggs in the same basket." Europe may not be a military superpower, she acknowledged, but it remains an economic one—and trade is its primary lever. That broader geopolitical context was evident in leaders' statements.

European Council President Antonio Costa noted that the deal sends an "important political message" to a world increasingly defined by tariffs and coercion. Von der Leyen framed it as a "win-win partnership" between two giants choosing cooperation over confrontation. The agreement goes beyond tariff cuts. It includes a joint security partnership and a mobility framework to ease short-term movement for professionals but in strategic outlook. The proposed "graduation" of the India–Middle East–Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) to a higher-level forum further reflects shared ambitions to reshape supply chains and connectivity across regions.

'Caste counting in second phase', MHA rejects Cong charge on omitting OBCs

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

COUNTERING the opposition allegation with regard to the government's intent on the Population Census – 2027, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Tuesday said that some individuals are deliberately attempting to spread confusion around the exercise and particularly over the issue of caste.

The MHA in an official statement said, "The complete information regarding Census-2027 has already been released on 12 December 2025 through a press release. Nevertheless, some individuals are deliberately attempting to spread confusion regarding Census-2027 and particularly the caste census."

The MHA went on to add that it has already been clarified that Census-2027 will be conducted in two phases, with the caste enumeration taking place in the second phase. The Census-2027 is being conducted in two phases, just like India's previous censuses, as the first phase is known as the House-Listing and Housing Census and the second phase is the Population Enumeration, it added.

Earlier on Monday, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh mounted a sharp attack on the government over the upcoming census, alleging that the government is creating technical hurdles despite having announced the inclusion of a caste census.

The Congress leader had flagged the census notification issued on January 22, saying it raises serious doubts about the government's intent and pointed out that in the house-listing schedule comprising 33 questions, Question No. 12 makes no mention of Other Backward Classes (OBCs). Instead, it offers only three options, namely, Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST) and 'Other', with no separate category for OBCs or the general category, he added.

In a post on his 'X' handle, Ramesh said the design of the form itself undermines the claim that the government is committed to conducting a comprehensive caste census. "Since caste enumeration is to be part of Census 2027, Question 12 as formulated does raise serious questions on the Modi Government's true intentions and on its commitment to a comprehensive, fair, nationwide caste census," he said.

Health ministry refutes rumours of Nipah cases

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

EVEN as some Asian airports, including Thailand and Nepal, have tightened health surveillance and started screening passengers from West Bengal after Nipah virus cases were reported, India on Tuesday said only two confirmed cases were reported and "speculative and incorrect figures" of the viral disease are being circulated.

The Union Health Ministry, in a statement, said "as per reports received from the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), only two confirmed cases of Nipah Virus Disease have been reported from West Bengal from December last year till date." It also said that a total of 196 contacts linked to the confirmed cases have been identified, monitored, and tested.

"All traced contacts have been found asymptomatic and have tested negative for Nipah Virus Disease," it added. The ministry also said that no additional Nipah virus disease cases have been detected so far.

'Economic data wrong': Cong counters with 'facts'

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

AHEAD of the Economic Survey and the Union Budget, the Congress on Tuesday launched a scathing attack on the government over the state of the economy, questioning the numbers it has been presenting and claiming that "inequality is on the rise" with welfare in "retreat".

In a report released by Congress's research department, the party said it was important to lay bare "facts" before the people as the government would roll out its "propaganda" through the President's address to both Houses of Parliament, Economic Survey and the Union Budget.

Addressing a press conference, AICC Research Department chairman Rajeev Gowda wondered whether the Modi government's numbers can be believed. "There are terms like 'Goldilocks Moment' being used for the Indian economy by the Modi government and its fans, but unfortunately, this is far from the reality...The IMF gave the Modi government's numbers a C grade. The numbers show a 0.5% inflation. Is that the lived reality of the vast masses of people?" he asked.

Former chief economic advisor Arvind Subramanian has calculated that GDP figures offered by the government are at least 2.5% higher than the actual reality, Gowda said.

'Four of five Indians live on less than ₹200 per day'

Congress Research Department chairman Rajeev Gowda claimed that four of five Indians subsist on less than Rs 200 per day. "One third subsist on less than ₹100/day. Net household financial savings are at a five-decade low of 5.2 per cent, household debt is sharply up to 41 per cent from 35 per cent in 2019." People pay more direct tax than corporations - up from 38.1 per cent in FY14 to 53.4 per cent in FY24, he said.

"In the first half, you had some record-breaking numbers saying that manufacturing grew at 8.4%. But if you look at the biggest component of manufacturing, the index of eight core industries grew by only 2.9%," he said.

He claimed that the rupee has been the worst-performing currency in Asia against the dollar in the last one year.

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"Ex-IMF chief economist Gita Gopinath asserted that 'pollution poses greater threat to India's economy than tariffs'. State of Global Air report concludes that 20 lakh Indians died prematurely because of polluted air in 2023. The Lancet reports that in 2022, the monetised value of premature mortality due to outdoor air pollution in India is 9.5% of GDP," he said.

Party to raise MGNREGA, SIR in Budget session

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Congress on Tuesday said it will raise issues concerning MGNREGA and SIR despite the government's refusal to debate them again, and said they will demand clarity on key economic and foreign policy matters amid ongoing global tensions.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the party's parliamentary strategy group held at the residence of Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi where the Leaders of Opposition in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge, were also present.

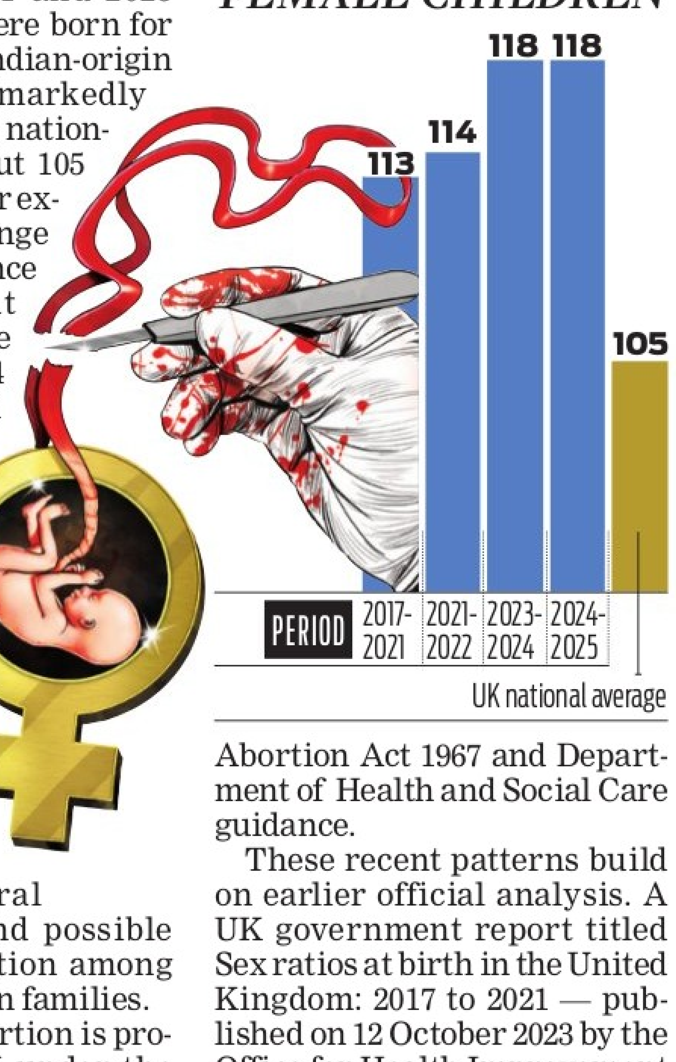
Leaders of various opposition parties would also meet in the chamber of Kharge in Parliament House on Wednesday at 10 AM to chalk out their joint strategy during the session, party leader and whip in Rajya Sabha Naseer Hussain told reporters after the meeting.

Hussain said that in the meeting convened by Sonia, they discussed all important issues which should be taken up during the first part of the Budget session.

Indian families in UK 'choose' male children

VISMAY BASU @ New Delhi

SEX RATIO
MALES PER 100 FEMALE CHILDREN



NEW birth registration figures for England and Wales show that between 2021 and 2025 around 118 boys were born for every 100 girls to Indian-origin mothers, a ratio markedly higher than the UK national average of about 105 and above the upper expected biological range of 107. The imbalance was strongest at third births, where ratios reached 114 boys per 100 girls in 2021–22 and about 118:100 in 2023–24 and 2024–25, according to analysis of Office for National Statistics (ONS) data reported by media. This pattern has drawn renewed attention to debates over cultural son preference and possible sex-selective abortion among some British Indian families.

Sex-selective abortion is prohibited in the UK under the Abortion Act 1967 and Department of Health and Social Care guidance.

These recent patterns build on earlier official analysis. A UK government report titled Sex ratios at birth in the United Kingdom: 2017 to 2021 — published on 12 October 2023 by the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities examined 36 lakh live births across the UK. It found that while the overall national ratio remained within normal limits at 105.4 males per 100 females, Indian-ethnicity children born at third or later order in England and Wales recorded 113 boys per 100 girls, a statistically significant deviation from expected biological norms.

Using standard demographic methods, the 2017–2021 analysis estimated that about 400 female births of Indian ethnicity may have been "missing" from the data. This data may be used as a proxy indicator to highlight possible sex-selective termination practices.

According to the same government analysis of 2023, no other ethnic group showed a comparable statistically significant imbalance. Some categories such as Bangladeshi, Black African, White British and "ethnicity not stated" showed increased raw ratios in isolated sub-samples, but these were consistent with random variation.

The official report of 2023 also examined abortion records for 2017–2021 in England and Wales, noting 13 843 legal abortions among women of Indian ethnicity with two or more previous births, with the majority (87.5 per cent) occurring before seven weeks of gestation, a period when foetal sex is generally not detectable through routine screening. A smaller number of procedures occurred later, when sex identification is technically possible.

The 2017–2021 report marked the first time since routine UK monitoring began in 2013 that a statistically robust imbalance of this nature had been identified for a specific ethnic group and birth order. Its findings now serve as a baseline against which the more recent 2021–2025 figures are being compared in public discourse.

Observers caution that imbalanced birth ratios alone cannot prove sex-selective abortion unless direct termination records are linked to sex determination, a level of detail not captured in UK datasets. Nonetheless, sustained deviations over multiple years are widely regarded by demographers as strong indicators warranting policy and public health attention.

Govt plans PDS ration delivery through e-vouchers, redeemable across country

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

Dealers oppose proposal

The proposal has drawn opposition from the national FPS Dealers' Association, which argues that the system could undermine dealership livelihoods and affect the interests of consumers and farmers. The concept note highlights persistent problems in the current PDS, including underweight rations, poor-quality grains, limited consumer choice, and manipulation due to manual reporting.

THE Centre is planning to introduce an electronic voucher-based public distribution system to reduce leakages, address grievances, and improve transparency in food distribution. The proposed reform aims to modernise the existing public distribution system by replacing physical allocation tracking with digital vouchers.

Under the new mechanism, beneficiaries will receive an itemised electronic voucher that can be used to purchase entitled commodities from any fair price shop across the country. The voucher will be issued in the form of E-Rupi, prepared by the Department of Food and Public Distribution in collaboration with the State Bank of India, with the National Informatics Centre acting as the technical partner.

E-Rupi vouchers will be delivered to beneficiaries through SMS or QR codes. Although not legal tender, the voucher will function as a digital equivalent redeemable only for specified food items. Each voucher will be Aadhaar-linked, non-transferable, and valid for a particular month, ensuring targeted delivery and reducing misuse.

According to a concept note drafted by the department and reviewed by The New Indian Express, the scheme is proposed to be implemented initially as a pilot project. The pilot will cover at least one rural and one urban district for three months. This will be followed by a one-month evaluation, after which the scheme could be expanded over the next six to twelve months with modifications.

Last November, this newspaper reported that the Gujarat government had submitted a concept note proposing a "Gujarat Model" to digitise the PDS and make it more transparent and auditable.

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MARRIAGE RACKET

A sophisticated inter-state marriage racket has been busted in UP following the arrest of three people, including a woman who allegedly used forged identities to marry and rob grooms.

60 RESCUED FROM A SNOWBOUND AREA IN DODA IN J&K

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	25	14	Mumbai	27	23
Bhopal	24	17	Panaji	29	22
Jaipur	20	12	Patna	23	12
Amritsar	17	10	Lucknow	19	16
Chennai	28	24	Port Blair	28	23
Kolkata	28	15	Imphal	24	08
Srinagar	02	00	Chandigarh	17	08

Protest against UGC equity norms spread, Pradhan assures fair use

Upper-caste groups demand full rollback in Rajasthan, UP and Delhi

NAMITA BAJPAI & RAJESH ASNANI @Lucknow/Jaipur

WHILE protests against the new UGC 2026 regulations continue, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Tuesday assured that the law would not be misused and that its implementation would be fair and transparent. Speaking at a community programme in Nagaur district of Rajasthan, Pradhan defended the UGC rules, saying they were aimed at student safety and the prevention of discrimination.

"I want to assure you with utmost humility that no one will be persecuted or discriminated against. No one will have the right to misuse anyone in the name of discrimination," he said, adding that the UGC, the Centre and state governments would all have defined responsibilities. He also said that the provisions were within the framework of the Constitution and under the supervision of the Supreme Court.

Notified on January 13, the regulations include Other Backward Classes, absent from the draft released a year ago, and remove penalties proposed earlier for filing false cases. Several senior educationists, however, have sought a rollback. The regulations define caste-based discrimination as acts against SC, ST and OBC members, excluding general category.

Students stage a protest against new UGC norms near University of Lucknow | PTI

Plea filed in SC over definition of caste discrimination

A plea was filed in the Supreme Court challenging the recently notified UGC regulation, alleging that it has adopted a non-inclusionary definition of caste-based discrimination and excludes certain categories from institutional protection. The plea submitted that regulation 3(c) of the regulations is "non-inclusionary" and fails to protect students and faculty who do not belong to reserved categories.

In Rajasthan, the Shri Rajput Karni Sena and the Marwar Rajput Mahasabha warned of statewide protests. Karni Sena leader Mansingh Medtiya alleged the rules were meant to "suppress upper castes" and announced a Jodhpur bandh on February 1. Marwar Rajput Mahasabha president Hanuman Singh Khangta said the general category could be exposed to false cases. A new platform, S-4, comprising Brahmin, Rajput, Vaishya and Kayastha organisations, has also been formed.

Protests also erupted across Uttar Pradesh, including at Lucknow University, with students and outfits such as Karni Sena and Savarna Sena demanding a rollback. Demonstrations were reported from several districts, and some BJP leaders resigned in protest. The ABVP backed the move but sought clarity.

In Delhi, students protested outside the UGC office, calling the provisions draconian. PhD scholar Alokit Tripathi warned the rules would create "complete chaos". The NSUI however, welcomed the regulations.

Ayodhya GST official quits in Yogi's support

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Lucknow

A day after Bareilly City Magistrate Alankar Agnihotri resigned in protest of the alleged disrespect to Swami Avimukteshwaranand by Prayagraj administration, and the latest UGC norms on caste discrimination, Ayodhya GST deputy commissioner Prashant Singh sent his resignation to the State Governor, in support of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and UP CM Yogi Adityanath, protesting Swami Avimukteshwaranand's remarks against the leaders.

The GST commissioner, in a video clip, is seen getting emotional while claiming that he was hurt by the developments over the past three days and would now take up social work after quitting his post.

Singh said that he felt hurt over Shankaracharya's comments on the CM. "I am hurt by this. I can no longer tolerate insult of the CM." He said he was not a robotic employee of the state who was bothered only about his salary.

Reacting to the resignation, the seer called it all drama stage managed by higher authorities.

Youth Cong agitation in Bihar, Shakeel claims threat issued from Delhi

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

BIHAR police have beefed up security outside the residence of former Congress leader Shakeel Ahmad after he alleged that Youth Congress leaders at the behest of the party's high command could attack his residences in Patna and Madhubani.

Authoritative sources in the state police headquarters said that the security around residence of former Union minister and Congress leader Ahmad had been beefed up as a precautionary measure. "Additional police force has been deployed," a senior officer said.

Ahmad, who once served as a Union minister of state for home in UPA-I, posted on X, "Just now, some Congress colleagues have secretly informed me that the party's national leadership has issued orders to the Bihar Congress/Youth Congress that on January 27, an attack should be carried out on my residences in Patna and Madhubani under the pretext of burning an effigy. This is against the principles of democracy."

Meanwhile, members of Bihar Youth Congress held protests at Kargil Chowk, Patna, on Tuesday to register their protest against Ahmad's "continuous objectionable, irresponsible, and baseless remarks against Rahul Gandhi." State Youth Congress chief Garib Das said Ahmad's statements were not only in violation of political decorum but are also a well-planned attempt to tarnish the image of the Congress, he added.

BJP jibe at Cong

As chaos prevailed at 'MNREGA Bachao Sangram' held in Darbhanga, state BJP spokesperson Prem Ranjan Patel said that even speaking the truth had become a crime in Congress.

Youth Congress workers also burnt a symbolic effigy and held protests in other districts of Bihar. Congress MLA Abhishek Ranjan also hit out at Ahmad, saying, "The kind of language he used against Rahul Gandhi is not expected from a leader like him, who served the party for long," he told the media.

Chaos prevailed at 'MNREGA Bachao Sangram' held in Darbhanga as workers shouted slogans against state president Rajesh Ram and AICC in-charge for Bihar Krishna Allavaru.

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SIR of electoral rolls after winter gets over

The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in both the Union Territories of Jammu and Ladakh is likely to be undertaken after winter, preferably during April–May, and officials are awaiting the formal announcement from the Election Commission of India (ECI). Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Ladakh UT, Rahul Sharma, told this newspaper that while SIR process has already commenced in other parts of the country, dates for Ladakh UT are yet to be notified. "The SIR schedule for Ladakh will be announced by the ECI," he said. "The comprehensive field-level exercise would begin immediately after the ECI's notification".

Gulmarg, Pahalgam get fresh spell of snowfall

The Valley on Tuesday witnessed another spell of snowfall, much to the joy of the local residents. The plains, including Srinagar, had not witnessed any snowfall for an extended period but last week due to Western Disturbance, moderate to heavy snowfall was recorded across the Valley except Srinagar. But the spell also brought cheers to Srinagar residents as it also experienced light to moderate snowfall since the night and continued intermittently throughout the day. The recent spells of snowfall has turned tourist resorts of Gulmarg in north Kashmir, Sonamarg in central Kashmir and Pahalgam in south Kashmir into winter wonderlands.

New session from Feb 2, Omar to present Budget

The Budget session of J&K Assembly would be held from February 2. The 27-day session will commence on February 2 with the address of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. CM Omar Abdullah, who is also the Finance Minister of J&K, would present the second budget of the NC government on February 6. The session, which will conclude on April 4, will be held in two phases — the first phase before the start of Ramdan and remaining phase after Eid-ul-Fitr in March and April. Ramadan is expected to begin on February 18 or 19, depending on the sighting of the moon.

Kuki and Naga groups appeal for peace

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

A peace meeting was held between Kuki and Naga groups in Manipur on Tuesday following Monday's arson attack at a Kuki village in Kangpokpi district, carried out by a Naga rebel group.

After the meeting, the Kuki Inpi Manipur and the United Naga Council in a joint statement condemned the burning down of houses in the K Songlung (Part-II) village which caused property loss and created panic among villagers.

The two organisations appealed to the public to maintain peace and restrain from any form of violence. They cautioned fellow tribals to refrain from "writing/posting unwarranted rumors, false propaganda creating animosity and tension amongst communities."

Rebel group Zeliangrong United Front (ZUF) had claimed responsibility for the attack. The outfit stated that it intensified its campaign against illegal activites by the illegal immigrants within the "ancestral, customary, and historical territory" of the Zeliangrong Inpui Naga people. Several Kuki-Zo organisations condemned the attack.

EC directs Bengal to revoke transfers of SIR observers

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

THE Election Commission of India (ECI) has issued a direction to the West Bengal government asking it to immediately withdraw the transfer and posting orders of three Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers who were engaged as Electoral Roll Observers and asserted that the state government's action violated explicit instructions issued during the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

In a strongly worded letter to the Chief Secretary of West Bengal, the EC said that the officers were transferred without its prior approval, despite clear directions that no official associated with the SIR exercise should be moved during the period when the revision is being conducted. It described the state government's action as a direct violation of its instructions.

"It has come to the Commission's notice that the Government of West Bengal has ordered departmental transfers/postings of Electoral Roll Observers without prior concurrence of the Commission, which is in violation of the EC's instructions," the letter read.

The poll body has also directed the state government to cancel the transfer orders "forthwith" and cautioned that prior approval from it must be obtained before issuing any such orders.

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With eye on SC vote, Modi opts for Punjab dera visit on Ravidas Jayanti

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

WITH about a year left for the Punjab Assembly elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Dera Sachkhand at Ballan near Jalandhar on February 1 on the occasion of Ravidas Jayanti, shortly after the presentation of the Union Budget in Parliament.

Last year, Dera head Sant Niranjan Dass met Modi in Delhi and invited him to the celebrations, and also requested countrywide events for the 650th birth anniversary of Guru Ravidass next year.

Dass, head of the prominent Dera Ballan, was named among the Padma Shri awardees this year. Sources said Modi usually visits Seer Govardhan in Varanasi on Ravidas Jayanti, but the Ballan visit is aimed at expanding the BJP's base among the Scheduled Castes, who form 32% of Punjab's population. Nearly 45% of the SC population is concentrated in the Doaba region.

Dass heads religious centres in both Varanasi and Ballan and generally travels with about 2,000 devotees by special train to Varanasi. This year, he may return by air to be present with Modi.

CM has different plans

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann is likely to visit the 'tapo-sthan' of Guru Ravidas at Khuralgarh in Hoshiarpur on February 6, where a 151-feet-tall Minar-e-Begampura is to be unveiled. Ravidas Jayanti is important to Dalit voters.

Confirming the visit, Minister of State for Railways Ravneet Singh Bittu said, "PM will visit Dera Sachkhand at Ballan on February 1.... just after the Budget."

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann is also expected to visit the 'tapo-sthan' of Guru Ravidas at Khuralgarh in Hoshiarpur on February 6, where a 151-feet-tall Minar-e-Begampura is set to be unveiled.

Punjab, Haryana CMs meet over SYL canal issue

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chandigarh

CHIEF ministers of Punjab and Haryana, Bhagwant Mann and Nayab Singh Saini, respectively, met in Chandigarh on Tuesday to discuss the Sutlej-Yamuna Link canal issue. The 30-minute meeting, held at a five-star hotel, was cordial but inconclusive. Both leaders agreed to continue dialogue and decided that officials from both states would meet three to four times a month.

The meeting was held on the directions of the Supreme Court, which has urged an amicable solution through dialogue. This was the sixth meeting since August 2020. Mann said Haryana was like a brother state, and a solution was needed without compromising rights. Saini said talks would now continue at the administrative level. Ministers and senior officers from both states were present.

'BIHAR AIMS TO BECOME THE TECH HUB OF EASTERN INDIA'

THE basic foundation in infrastructure required for a congenial ecosystem for industrial investment is ready in Bihar," asserted Bihar's Chief Secretary **Pratyaya Amrit** in an exclusive interview with **Rajesh Kumar Thakur** in Patna recently. He spoke about Bihar's initiative—Udyog Varta — to accelerate industrialisation and attract investment. **Excerpts**:

How far has Bihar made itself ready for an industrial revolution at a time when the state has a majority government?

Over the last 20 years, the basic infrastructure required for a congenial ecosystem for industrial investment has been established in Bihar. Rural roads, urban roads, national highways and now expressways are in place. Electricity, which is critical for industrial growth, is no longer an issue, and availability has improved remarkably. Law and order, an unavoidable factor, is one of the best in the country. Overall, the atmosphere is now ready for industrial development.

The government has introduced strong policies such as the Bihar State Industrial Investment Promotion Policy 2022 and the Bihar Industrial Investment Promotion Policy 2025. These are attracting attention, and investment proposals are starting to come in.

We are working on two things that the prime minister emphasises. The first is Ease of Doing Business, achieved by streamlining processes and taking actions that help investors. The second is taking feedback from stakeholders in the industrial fraternity. Bihar conducts 'Udyog–Varta': Anyone from the industrial sector can now easily meet ministers, the Chief Secretary, and other concerned officials, either in person or virtually, to discuss investment proposals and support needs. District magistrates have also been directed to conduct 'Udyog–Varta' in their districts and visit industrial areas to understand challenges and infrastructure requirements.

Are any specific steps being taken to make the state move faster towards industrialisation?

A major recent move is the introduction of the Global Capability Centre policy, an important pillar for industrial growth. An Electronic Manufacturing Policy and others have also been introduced. Along with these, the state is encouraging the use of Artificial Intelligence and aims to make Bihar the tech hub of eastern India. After cabinet approval, a committee of experts from Bihar and outside has been formed. Its first meeting has already taken place. Bihar is emerging as a favoured destination for national and international investors, and we can say 'hum honge kamyab'.

Have you decided to bring more hubs in diverse fields under the guidance of CM Nitish Kumar?

Besides industrial growth, we plan to establish fintech hubs, Edu-Cities, sports cities and satellite townships. Final roadmaps will be prepared in the next two to three months. A form of industrialisation that creates employment, education and empowerment through institutions, initiatives, start-ups and entrepreneurial ecosystems — information, innovation and inclination is being rolled out in Bihar. This defines Bihar as 'Viksit-Hota Bihar'. This form of industrialisation will create employment, education and empowerment through institutions, start-ups and entrepreneurial ecosystems.

What is being done to revive Bihar's legacy of sugar mills?

Bihar was once known for its chini-mills, and India's first sugar mill was opened here. Plans are in place to revive nine closed sugar mills and open 25 new ones with the support of the cooperative movement. The platform is ready, and the focus is now on technology to ease citizens' problems, including in agriculture. Governance remains citizen-centric with a strong thrust on Ease of Doing Business.

Migration has long been a sensitive issue for Bihar. Are there any special moves to address this?

Policies such as the Global Capability Centre aim to help people return and build livelihoods through entrepreneurship, start-ups, or industrial expertise. Large schemes across sectors are designed to bring Biharis back, as opportunities now match their capabilities. Nearly 40 lakh people return during Chhath, reflecting their deep connection with Bihar. Pathways are being created for them to return as investors, labourers, employers, employees, or any role they find suitable to invest in their homeland, which is blessed with resources, manpower, materials, management and everything required to become 'aatmanirbhar'. The goal is to create one crore jobs in five years, and migration has already begun to decline.

How determined is the government to check corruption in offices?

Corruption arises from outdated systems. The investment policy focuses on minimal direct interaction with the government and on building investor confidence. Bihar now has zero tolerance towards corruption, crime and communalism. Systems have been streamlined and modernised, with technology-driven governance that ensures investor confidence. We are preparing policies to ensure that no investor faces problems. We understand start-ups face challenges, and we are addressing those as well. The entire focus is on technology-driven governance.

What are your priorities now?

While every sector is important, the focus is on expanding AI use across sectors, including agriculture. We have achieved record success in farmer registrations through technology. My thrust areas remain industry, urbanisation, tourism and modernisation of agriculture, all linked to employment generation.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that my client **Smt. Ramya N,** D/o N. Narasimhaiah and W/o of Ramakrishna, aged 43 years, r/a No. 53, Thiruvengada Samy Nagar, Lakshaya Garden, Kancheepuram-631552 has lost/misplaced Original Sale Deed dated 26/06/1974, executed by Smt. Lakshmidevi Ramanna, wife of Shri. Ramanna, in favour of Shri. K. N. Putta Anka, son of Shri. Nanjappa and Smt. Narasamma, wife of Late Narase Gowda registered as Document No. 1496/1974-75 of Book-I, Volume 998, Pages 246 to 250, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, City South, Bengaluru and Gift Deed dated 04/05/2002, executed by Smt. B. S. Vimala, wife of N. Narasimhaiah in favour of Ramya N, D/o N. Narasimhaiah, registered vide Document No. 565/2002-03 of Book I, Stored in CD No. BNG (U) B.G.S.R, Pages 81 to 85, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Basvangudi, Bengaluru, pertaining to the property bearing Municipal No. 205/6, Situated at Gavipuram, Ward No. 52, Bangalore City, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South (Eastern Side 27 feet) and (Western Side 35 feet). Inspite of best efforts she could not trace the above original documents and in this regard she has reported the loss of original document to Bengaluru City Police vide Lost report No.2025494/2026 on 24/01/2026 and 2026827/2024 on 25/01/2026.

Finders of the said original documents are requested to hand over the same to undersigned and if any persons having any objections or claims in respect of the said document may with documentary evidence lodge their objections or claims within 7 days from the date of this notice to the undersigned, failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims and objections.

Naveen Kumar .G, Advocate
M/s. Adwaya Associates,
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3rd Cross, Bazar Street, Chamarajpet,
Bangalore-560 018. Mobile: +91 9964414461

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client intends to purchase the property mentioned in the schedule hereunderand hereinafter referred to as the schedule property from Sri. K.Ramachandra, K.Satyaprakash and others. The vendors represents that they are the joint absolute owners having marketable right, title, possession and interest over the schedule property and they have not encumbered the schedule property in any manner. If any person/s having any sort of claim/s, interest or objections regarding the sale of the schedule property, shall with documentary proof lodge their objection/ claim within ten (10) days of publication this notice with our office, failing which it is deemed that none have any grievance /claim/ objections for its sale and our client shall proceed with the transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that part and parcel of the commercial-cum-residential property bearing old Sy.No.29 and Municipal old Khata No.2764/2755/2295, and subsequent khata Nos.639/863/789/3483 and 863/789/1/3483/1 and P.I.D.Nos.7-3-25-3A and7-3-25-3B, totally measuring east to west (105+84)/2 X (44+42)/2feet, standing to the name of K.Ramachandra and K.Satyaprakash, respectively situated at Mutturu (Dargapura) old 3rd Ward present 7th ward, Doddaballapur town and taluk, Banglore rural Dist, within the jurisdiction of the Doddaballapur town Municipality, commonly bounded on:

East by: Land property of AdiNarayanappa. West by:Banglore Main Road, North by: Musafir, Khana property, South by: Common passage.

M/s.SATYAM PRIYAM LAW CHAMBERS, Advocates
2156, Opp: Lions Bhavan Building, Shenigarpet,21st ward
Doddaballapur-561203. Mobile No :7338358211
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GREATER HYDERABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Tender Notice No.17/SE(H-CITI & SNDP)/SRCGKS/GHMC/2025-26 **Date: 27.01.2026**

Item No.	Name of work	Estimate Amount
1.	"**a)** Construction of left Arm Down Ramp for the Existing Owaisi Flyover towards Santhosh Nagar, **b)** Construction of 6 Lane Bi-Dretional Grade Separator from Hafeez Baba Nagar Junction to 100 feet Balapur-Church Road Junction. (Omer Hotel to Shoiab Hotel via Metro function hall) & **C)** Construction of 6 Lane Bi-directional Flyover at Bandlaguda - Errakunta Cross Road Junction".	**Rs. 385.00 Crores**
	Total	**Rs.385.00 Crores**

Sl. No.	Events		Date and Time
1.	Start Date	:	03-02-2026 from 03:00 PM
2.	Pre-bid Meeting	:	12-02-2026 at 03.00 PM **Location:** O/o Chief Engineer (H-CITI, Designs & Admin.), GHMC 6th Floor, GHMC Head Office, Tank Bund, Hyderabad.
3.	Last Date & Time for receipt of Bids	:	20-02-2026 upto 03:00 PM
4.	Opening of Technical Bid	:	20-02-2026 after 03:30 PM
5.	Opening of Price Bid	:	21-02-2026 after 4:00 PM

Note: The Bidders are advised to visit **www.tender.telangana.gov.in** to download Bid Document and EPC project Tender Drawings. Any Queries can be addressed to **sep2szghmc@gmail.com.**
Address of the officer concerned Sri B.L.Srinivas Rao, SE(H-CITI&SNDP), SRCGKS, GHMC, Ph. No.9154768808.
Superintending Engineer (H-CITI&SNDP), SRCGKS, GHMC, Tank Bund Road, Hyd. Further details can be seen at 'e' procurement **https://tender.telangana.gov.in.**

Sd/- **Superintending Engineer (H-CITI & SNDP), SRCGKS, GHMC.**

DIPR R.O. No.14573-PP/CL/Advt/1/2025-26, Dt: 27/01/2026

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, RAYAGADA

Email ID: ccerwcrayagada@gmail.com

O-2141 **Letter No.113 Date: 21.01.2026**

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH GEPNIC e-Procurement Notice

1. Name of the work : Construction of Building works for the year 2025-2026. (2 Nos)
2. Class of contractor : **"B" & "A" of (Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authority.**
3. Estimated Cost : **Varies from Rs.107.90 Lakhs to Rs.192.62 Lakhs (Approximately)**
4. Details projects as per Annexure attached. :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender online for bidding		Last Date and Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bids
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Rayagada	NCB-31/ RWCRGDA /2025-26	Dt.29.01.2026 at 11.00 A.M.	Dt.17.02.2026 Up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt.16.02.2026 Up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt.18.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M	Will be intimated later

5. The details of works can be seen from the web site **https://www.tendersorissa.gov.in**
6. Any Corrigendum/Addendum will be displayed in the above e-tender web site.

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer, RW Circle, Rayagada

TAMILNADU MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD.

(A Government of Tamilnadu Undertaking)
No. 417, Pantheon Road, Chennai-600 008. Phone: 044-2819 1890, 2819 0259
Website: www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in E-Mail: gmdrug.tnmsc@tn.gov.in, mngrpurdrug.tnmsc@tn.gov.in

Online Tenders is invited by the Tender Inviting Authority, Tamilnadu Medical Services Corporation Ltd., Chennai–600008, for the supply of Bleaching Powder Grade-I from the Licensed Manufacturers or direct importer holding valid import license (if applicable) with three years Market Standing or Authorized Stockiest / Dealers holding valid manufacturer's authorization letter also eligible to participate in this tender.

Sl. No	Description	e-Tender Reference	Tender Floating Period	e-Tender Submission Duration	Date and time of online opening of Technical Bids
1	Online Tender for the supply of Bleaching Powder Grade-I to TNMSC Limited under rate contract system for one year from the date of acceptance	e-001/M(P)/BL-POWDER/TNMSC/2026, Dated. 29.01.2026	**29.01.2026 at 11.00 AM to 09.02.2026 upto 10.00 AM**	**30.01.2026 at 10.00 AM to 09.02.2026 upto 10.00 AM**	**09.02.2026 at 11.00 AM**

The tender document can be downloaded and the tender shall be submitted at **https://tntenders.gov.in/.** The tender document can also be downloaded at **www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in** for reference purpose.

General Manager (Drugs) / Tender Inviting Authority

DIPR/446/TENDER/2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public are hereby notified that, our clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its Owner **SMT.RADHIKA KUMARAN** W/o Sri.P.A.Kumaran (P.Aravinda Kumaran) & her children namely **i) MRS.KAVITHA RAMESH MENON & ii) MRS.KAANTHI AASHISH CHERIAN,** all are residing at No.21, Aaradhika, Jayanagar Housing Co-Operative Society, Vajramuni Layout, Bengaluru-560061.

The Owners represents that, they have misplaced/lost the original Possession Certificate with respect to the Schedule Property, issued by the Jayanagar Housing Co-Operative Society Ltd., in the name of Sri.P.Aravinda Kumaran and to that effect they have lodged a police complaint on 26/01/2026 vide Lost Report No.2027410/2026, with the Bengaluru City Police. Further the Owners represents that they have not deposited or otherwise handed over the said document to any person/s or Bank or institution and that the Owners have a freehold subsisting marketable title to the Schedule Property.

Apart from the said Owners, if any person has any manner of claim, right, title, interest or demand of any nature in or over the Schedule Property or any person/s having custody of the said original document, they are hereby called upon to file their objections along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying, with the undersigned within **7 (Seven) days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on our clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **Site No.21,** having Bengaluru South Municipal Corporation, GBA, E-PID No.2176457107, measuring **East to West 30feet and North to South : (48+49.5)/2feet,** in all measuring **1462.50 Sq.ft,** situated at **Vajramuni Nagar, Gubbalalu Village,** formed at Gubbalalu and Turahalli Layout 1st Stage, by the Jayanagar Housing Co-Operative Society Ltd., in Sy.Nos.54/1, 55/4 & 55/5 of Gubbalalu Village and Sy.Nos.13/1, 13/3, 16/1, 16/2, 16/3, 46/2, 49, 52/1, 52/2, 53/1B and 67(P) of Turahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District and bounded on the:

East by : Site bearing No.20;
West by : Site bearing No.22;
North by : Private Property;
South by : Road

Sd/- **AJAY KUMAR.N**
For ISHA LAW CHAMBERS LLP
Advocates & Solicitors
No.101, 4th Floor, Sri Manjunatha Complex, BSK 2nd Stage, Opp : Banashankari BDA Complex, Bengaluru-560070.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Smt. Anjali A and **David Raj R.** my client issued Public Notice with respect to site No.161, Khatha No.762, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet, total 1200 Sq.ft. situated in Rachanehalli Village, formed in Survey No.90/3 and the same has been converted from Agriculture to residential purpose by the order of Bangalore Special District Commissioner, vide Conversion Order No. BDS/A.L.N./ SR(NA) 165/2001-02, dated 03-11-2001 and the Schedule property was acquired from Sri. K. Gangappa, Later Sri. K. Gangappa executed Sale Deed dated 13/10/2006 in favour of B.S.Shobha D/o.Siddappa Bidari, registered No.23007/2006-07. My client intend to purchase the schedule property. Anyone having sort of claims or objections relating to may lodge the same with the undersigned within **15 days** from this public notice with supporting documents without any return to such right title, interest and claim.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the vacant site bearing No. 161, Khata No. 762, situated in Rachenahalli village, Chamundeshwari Layout, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet, in all measuring 1200 sq. ft and the same is carved out of Sy.No.90/3 of Rachenahalli Village and the same has been converted from agricultural use to non-agricultural residential use by the order of Bangalore Special District Commissioner, vide Conversion Order No. BDS/A.L.N./SR(NA) 165/2001-02, dated: 03-11-2001 and the Schedule property was acquired from Sri. K. Gangappa. Later Sri. K. Gangappa executed Sale Deed dated 13/10/2006 in favour of B.S. Shobha D/o Siddappa Bidari, registered No.23007/2006-07. East by: Site No. 174, West by: Road, North by: Site No.162, South by: Site No.160

If any claims from any body may contact below mentioned within **15 days** from the date of publication.

SHIVAKUMAR. N, Advocate
Sy.No.72, "Tejalaya" 1st Floor, Mestripalya,
Behind Annamma Church Road,
Rachenahalli Main Road, SRK Nagar Post,
Bengaluru-560077 Mob: 9739393334/
9481812924/ 8880094119

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL JUDGE FAMILY COURT AT BANGALORE

M.C. NO : 1522/2025

BETWEEN : ROOPA.M W/o. Kemparaju, D/o. Manjunath Aged 27 years, R/at. C/o. Rajamma, # 23, 2nd Main, 5th Cross, Sharadha Vidya Mandir, Sri Guru Raghavendra Nagar, J.P. Nagar, 7th Phase, Bengaluru, Karnataka -560078

...PETITIONER

AND : KEMPARAJU. **...RESPONDENT**

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

KEMPARAJU S/o. Anjanappa, Aged 32 years, R/at. Bavikere, Nelamangala Taluk, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural District -562123.

Take notice that the petitioner has filed the above case against you for the relief of divorce under Section 13 (1) (ia) & (ib) of The Hindu marriage Act, 1955 and such other reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble court in person or by pleader duly instructed and able to answer on this day of **11th March Two Thousand Twenty Six (11-03-2026) at 11 A.M.** without fail. Failing which, the matter will be heard and determine in your absence as Ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 9th day of January 2026.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristedar
Family Court, Bengaluru

Address of the Advocate:
SHAIJU KUMAR, Advocate
No.356, 2nd Floor, Above Ram Medicals,
H.M.T. Main Road, Mathikere,
Bengaluru -560054.

ಕೃಷ್ಣಾ ಭಾಗ್ಯ ಜಲ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರದ ಒಂದು ಉದ್ಯಮ)
ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು,
ಕೃಭಾಜನಿ(ನಿ), ಜೆ.ಬಿ.ಸಿ.ವಿಭಾಗ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 2 ಭೀಮರಾಯನಗುಡಿ

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕೃಭಾಜನಿನಿ/ಜೆಬಿಸಿ/ವಿ–2/ಟಿಎನ್‌ಡಿ/ಯೋಶಾ/2025–26/1102 ದಿನಾಂಕ. : 27.01.2026

ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

(ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕೃಭಾಜನಿನಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ಇವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಕೃಭಾಜನಿನಿ ಜೆ.ಬಿ.ಸಿ.ವಿಭಾಗ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ. 2, ಭೀಮರಾಯನಗುಡಿ ರವರು ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರಿಂಗ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿರುತ್ತವೆ;

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: works indent no: 2689 Call-2

1) ಟೆಂಡರಗೆ ಇಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ: ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 91.79 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ, **2) ಟೆಂಡರಗೆ ಇಟ್ಟ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ:** ರೂ. 1,83,600.00 **3) ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರಿಂಗ ಲಭ್ಯವಾಗುವ ಅವಧಿ:** 28.01.2026 ಮುಂಜಾನೆ 11.30 ಗಂಟೆ ಯಿಂದ 06.02.2026 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 05.30 ಗಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ. **4) ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರಿಂಗ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ:** 06.02.2026 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 05.30 ಗಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ. **5) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:** 09.02.2026 ಮುಂಜಾನೆ 11.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ, ಸದರಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ **5) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:** 16.02.2026 ಮುಂಜಾನೆ 11.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ, ಸದರಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ **7) ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಕಛೇರಿ ವಿಳಾಸ:** ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ವೆಬಸೈಟ್ http://www.kppp.Karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಡಬಹುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

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THE BANGALORE CITY CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

ESTD: 1907
Administrative Office: # 3, PAMPAMAHAKAVI ROAD, CHAMARAJAPET,
BANGALORE –18. Ph. : 26678572 : 26600512 : 26609066.

SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E- AUCTION

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with provision to rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to Borrower that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured Creditor, the symbolically/constructive/ Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer (details mentioned below), will be sold on **"As is Where is ", "As is What is" and "Whatever there is"** basis on **20.02.2026 & 03.03.2026** at the below mentioned timings for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to The Bangalore City Co Operative Bank Ltd. Administrative office .

The Details are as under : Reserve price and Earnest money deposits details are as under & the Earnest money deposit shall be deposited on or before **19.02.2026 & 02.03.2026 At 5 : 00 PM,** through online payments Like RTGS/NEFT to the account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD in favouring **The Bangalore City Co Operative Bank Ltd, Administrative office.**

Sl No	Name of the Borrower, address & Branch Name	Description of property & Boundaries & Measurement	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Amount of Secured debt from Date	Date & time of Auction
01.	**Sri. Ravi Kumar. M (Deceased)** **1. Sunitha R (Wife)** **2) Yathish. R (Son)** **3) Maheshwari. R (Daughter)** No. 24/A, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Manjunatha Nagar, Ittamadu, B.S.K. 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-85. **Branch : AVALAHALLI**	New No. 123, Old No. 24/A, Ittamadu, Manjunatha Nagar, Sy. No. 03, BBMP Ward No. 55 of Padmanabhanagar, PID No. 55-644-123, Bengaluru. **East to West : 20 feet & North to South : 40 feet** **East by :** Property No. 24, **West by :** Road **North by :** Others Property, **South by :** Road	**Rs. 66,60,000/- Rs. (Sixty Six Lakhs Sixty Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 6,66,000/- Rs. (Six Lakhs Sixty Six Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 1,45,47,160/- & 22.01.2026** **Notice Date 22.01.2026**	**20.02.2026** **10 : 00 A M To 11 :00 A M**
02.	**Sri. Shanmugam. S (Deceased) L/R's** **1) Manjula (Wife),** **2) Kugan (Son) &** **3) Kavya (Daughter),** No.17, 3rd Cross, Kallappa Block, Srirampuram, Bengaluru-21. **Branch : HEAD OFFICE**	Gramatana Property New No. 17, old No.17, 3rd Cross, Kalappa Block, BBMP Ward No. 25 of Ramachandrapura, PID No. 25-8-17, Bengaluru. **East to West : 30 feet &** **North to South : 45 feet** **East by:** Others property **West by:** Property belongs to Pillamma **North by:** 10 feet Conservancy **South by:** 3rd Cross Road.	**Rs. 1,03,00,000/- (in words One Crore Three Lakhs Only)**	**Rs. 10,30,000/- (in words Ten Lakhs Thirty Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 2,82,04,258/- & 20.01.2026** **Notice Date 22.01.2026**	**20.02.2026** **10 : 00 A M To 11 :00 A M**
03.	**Smt. Chikkathayamma (Deceased) Legal Representative by :** **1) Sri. Lingaraju,** **2) Sri. Umesh (Son's) &** **3) Rathna (Daughter),** No. 8/4, 3rd Cross, Muneshwara 'C' Block, Matadahalli, R.T. Nagar Post, Benglauru-32. **Branch : R.T. Nagar**	No. portion of the Old No. 8, New No. 8/4, Muneshwara 'C' Block, R.T. Nagar, PID No. 97-28-8/4, Bengaluru. **East to West : 44 feet &** **North to South : 15 feet** **East by :** Drainage **West by :** Road **North by :** Remaining portion of Old No. 08 **South by :** Sharada Bai's property	**Rs. 27,40,000/- (in words Twenty Seven Lakhs Forty Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 2,74,000/- (in words Two Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 67,14,279/- & 21.01.2026** **Notice Date 22.01.2026**	**20.02.2026** **10 : 00 A M To 11 :00 A M**
04.	**Sri. Ravichandra. R** No.123, Chalakere Village, Near Poloti Nilayam Kalyananagar, Bengaluru-43. **Branch : SANJAYANAGAR**	Old Gram Tana Khatha No. 96, New No.96/1, BBMP Khatha No. 153/96/3, Chalakere Village, Krishnarajpura Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, BBMP Ward No. 25 of Chalakere, Bengaluru. **East to West : 18 feet & North to South : 18 feet** **East by :** Road **West by :** Remaining Portion of Same Property belongs to Papanna, **North by :** 5 feet Common Passage, **South by :** Property belongs to Jayachandra.	**Rs. 20,70,000/- (in words Twenty Lakhs Seventy Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 2,07,000/- (in words Two Lakhs Seven Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 38,40,044/- & 20.01.2026** **Notice Date 22.01.2026**	**20.02.2026** **10 : 00 A M To 11 :00 A M**
05.	**Sri. Varadaraju. V** No.11, 1st Floor, 2nd Main, 3rd Cross, Vidyagiri Layout, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru-72. **Branch : Vijayanagar**	New No.104, Assessment No.48 & 80, out of Khatha No. 48, 3rd Cross Road, Maruthinagar, Nagarabhavi Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, BBMP Ward No. 39 of Chandralaout, New Ward No. 128 of Nagarabhavi, PID No. 39-66-104, Bangalore. **East to West : 30 feet & North to South : 38 feet.** **East by :** Site No. 105, **West by :** Road **North by :** Site No. 87, **South by :** Road.	**Rs. 72,00,000/- (in words Seventy Two Lakhs Only)**	**Rs. 7,20,000/- (in words Seven Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 40,99,609/- & 20.01.2026** **Notice Date 22.01.2026**	**03.03.2026** **10 : 00 A M To 11 :00 A M**
06.	**Smt. Mary. R** No.129, Shakthivelu Slum Road, 1st C Cross, Vinayakana Nagar, Adugodi Post, Bengaluru-30. **Branch : Shanthinagar**	New No. 14/1, Old No. 14, (North Portion) Earlier No. 91, Out of Sy. No. 34/1 & 35, 2nd Main Road, 6th Cross, Vinayakanagar, Adugodi Post, Presently coming under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 70 of Shanthinagar, New Ward No. 117 of Shanthinagar, PID No. 70-104-14/1, Bengaluru. **East to West : 40 feet & North to South : 15 feet** **East by :** Road, **West by :** Property No. 102 **North by :** Property No. 92 **South by:** Remaining Portion of Same number property	**Rs. 42,80,000/- (in words Forty Two Lakhs Eighty Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 4,28,000/- (in words Four Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 27,10,882/- & 19.01.2026** **Notice Date 22.01.2026**	**03.03.2026** **10 : 00 A M To 11 :00 A M**

Date & time of inspection : Sl.No. 01 to 04 - 18.02.2026, Sl.No. 05 to 06 - 27.02.2026 - 10 : 00 AM to 5: 00 PM

Last date of deposit of EMD : Sl.No. 01 to 04 - 19.02.2026, Sl.No. 05 to 06 - 02.03.2026, Before 5:00 PM

Bid Factors : Rs. 50,000/-

Bank Name & Account Details for Remitting EMD/IFSC Code :
BANK NAME : INDUSIND BANK
BRANCH: The Bangalore City Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,
Head office Branch A/c No. 000220105013061,
IFSC Code – INDB0BCCB02

The borrower /mortgagor attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset). This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule (8) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower. For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in The Bangalore City Co Operative Bank Ltd. Website ie. ,**www.bccbl.co.in** under the head **"Mortgaged Assets for Sale".** The E-auction will be conducted through portal **https://bankauctions.in,** on **20.02.2026 & 03.03.2026 from 10.00. A.M to 11.00 A.M** with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at **https://bankauctions.in/** and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e. online training on E-auction (tentatively on **19.02.2026 & 02.03.2026)** from **M/s 4 Closure, Mr. Prakash Reddy & Varun. B , No.22, 5th Cross, Gurumahal Extension, Opp. Indian Hotel, K.G. Halli, Jalahalli (West), Bengaluru-560015** Mobile No: **8142000064, 8142000809** E-mail: **prakash@bankauctions.in & karnataka@bankauctions.in** For More details contact **recovery@bccbl.co.in,** Mobile Number : **080-26600512, 26609066 .**

Date: 27.01.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The Bangalore City Co-Operative Bank Limited

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

LIC HFL
LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD
BACK OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR, LIC JEEVAN MANGAL , HAYES ROAD, RESIDENCY RD, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA 560025

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of LIC Housing Finance Ltd (LIC HFL), under Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had issued Demand Notice to following Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors calling upon them to repay the outstanding due amount mentioned in the said notices. However, The Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors having failed to repay the said due amount, the undersigned has taken **Symbolic Possession (S)** in exercise of powers conferred U/s 13(4) and U/s 14 of the said Act read with the Rule 8.

This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property have been mortgaged to the LIC HFL, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of LIC HFL will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" & without any recourse basis on **Date of auction,** as per the brief particulars given here under.

Name of Borrower/s- Mr. MOHAN K
Loan No. 41200002230

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY : SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.43, Katha No. 1236, carved out of Land bearing Sy.No. 46 in the Layout known as "Sai Garden Layout" Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 25.09 meter, North to South 12.22 meters, totally measuring 306.58 square meters & bounded on the : East by : Road, West by: Private Property North by:Site No. 44 and, South by: Site No. 42.

Date of Demand Notice & Amt Demanded	**16-10-2023 &** **Rs.1,35,13,581.00 with further Interest, Cost and Expenses.**
Date of Possession	**Symbolic Possession on 22-11-2024**
Account Details	**Beneficiary Name: LIC Housing Finance Ltd., Beneficiary Branch Name: HDFC BANK LTD, Account Number: LHFLBA412000002230, IFSC Code: HDFC0000009**
Reserve Price	**Rs.2,00,00,000.00 (RUPEES TWO CRORES ONLY)**
EMD	**Rs.20,00,000 /- (RUPEES TWENTY LAKHS ONLY)**
Total Amount payable as on date	**Rs.1,85,59,983.98 (Rupees One crore eighty-five lakhs fifty-nine thousand nine hundred eighty-three rupees and ninety-eight paisa Only**
Website of E-Auction	**https://online.lichousing.com/eauction/ & https://www.auctionbazaar.com/**
Date & time of Inspection of Photocopies of property documents	**24-02-2026 & 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM**
Address where property documents can be inspected	**Back Office, 1st Floor, LIC Jeevan Mangal, Hayes Road, Residency Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560025**
Inspection of the Property Date for inspection and time	**25-02-2026 & 10:30AM to 1:00PM**
Contact person	**Mr. A.S.R PHANINDRA, Associate Chief Manager, Mob No: 8008177199**
Contact details of E-Auction from the service provider	**Mr. UTTAPPA K K , Mob No.: 7799510999** **email id: - contact@auctionbazaar.com**
Last date of submission of Online Tender / Bid	**26-02-2026 till 3.00 PM**
E Auction Date & Time	**27-02-2026 & 11 AM to 3.00 PM**

Further to this PUBLIC NOTICE for E-Auction Sale of the above said Assets / properties (in terms and conditions of the SARFAESI, Act 2002 and rules thereunder) LICHFL invites OFFERS through online mode only to purchase the said property as per the following Terms and Conditions as mentioned below: **1.** E-Auction Sale is being held on 'As is where is Basis is' and 'As is what is Basis', 'whatever there is Basis' And 'Without Any Recourse Basis', and will be conducted "Online". The E-Auction will be conducted through LIC HFL approved E-auction service provider – Name of E-auction service provider (as published in newspaper advertisement). **2.** To the best of the knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, no other encumbrance exists on the mortgaged property, except as disclosed in the publications. However, the interested Bidders to conduct their own independent due diligence verifications regarding the Location and Identity of the property, Inspection of Public records in the Sub Registrars' Offices/Civil Courts, to find any encumbrances, statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, Income Tax, Excise Duty, Labor Dues, electricity, and maintenance dues, etc., of the Secured Asset. The Successful bidders shall have to bear all outgoing i.e., municipal taxes, maintenance/society charges, electricity charges, water charges, stamp duty, registration charges, (if applicable), if any and all other incidentals charges, cost including all outgoing relating to the respective properties over and above the Reserve Price. LICHFL will not be held responsible for any charge, lien, liabilities, etc., of whatsoever nature pending upon the properties as mentioned above. **3.**The intending bidders should register their names at portal "website of E-auction service provider" as mentioned in the auction sale notice (as published in newspaper advertisement). **4.** The E-auction Sale is subject to the conditions prescribed in the SARFAESI Act/Rules 2002 and the terms and conditions mentioned hereunder/ website also subject to conditions in the offer/bid documents to be submitted by the intending/participating bidders. **5.** Every bidder is required to have his/her own email address in order to participate in the online E-auction. Once Intending Bidder formally registers as a qualified tenderer before Authorized Officer of LICHFL, will have to express his/her interest to participate through the E-auction bidding platform, by submitting documents. It shall be the tenderer's/online bidder's sole responsibility to procure his/her login ID and password from the E-auction service provider. **6.** The aforesaid properties shall not be sold below the Reserve Price mentioned above. **7.** If the successful bidder defaults in effecting payments or fails to adhere to the terms and condition of E-Auction in any manner the amount already deposited will be forfeited and he/she shall not have any claim as such for forfeited amount. **8.** The offer/s along with the aforesaid Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) can be submitted "online" through the portal eg., **"www.auctionbazaar.com"** along with the EMD and scanned copy of KYC documents including PAN Card & (Aadhar Card) address proof, to the service provider, mentioned above on or before the Bid Submission due date & time as per Other details of Auction above. Authorised Officer is not bound to accept highest offer made by the bidder if not acceptable to the secured creditor. **9.** Every Bidder shall deposit EMD before participating in E-Auction. The said Deposit/s shall be adjusted in the case of successful bidder/s, otherwise refunded. The said earnest money deposit/s will not carry any interest. **10**. Initial Bidding increment is Rs. 25000/-. However, Authorised Officer will state bidding increment amount percentage for each property if, decided otherwise. **11**. The successful bidder/s shall deposit 25% of the amount of sale price, adjusting the EMD paid already, within 24 hours of bid acceptance by the Authorized officer/next working day before close of cash hours, in respect of the sale, failing which the earnest money deposited shall be forfeited. The balance 75% of the sale price is payable within 15 days from the date of confirmation of the sale unless decided otherwise by Authorised Officer in writing, the maximum period allowed is 90 days, beyond which time-period cannot be extended. In case of failure to deposit the balance amount within the prescribed period, the amount deposited shall be forfeited. The Authorized Officer shall not be required to give any further notice of forfeiture to the successful bidder. **12.**The successful bidder should bear the charges/fees payable on sale certificate, such as registration fees, stamp duty, taxes, or any other duties payable for getting the secured asset transferred in his/her name. **13.** The Sale Certificate will be issued only in the name of the successful bidder and only after receipt of the entire sale price. **14.** The notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and Guarantor/s that they can bring the intending buyer/purchaser for purchasing the properties mentioned above, as per the terms and Conditions of the E-Auction Sale.**15.** Inspection of the photocopies of documents and Property Inspection of the above said properties can be done on the dates stated in the advertisement. Interested bidders shall contact the designated official as per the other details of E-Auction mentioned above. All conveyance and other expenses related to Inspection of the property/document copies shall be borne by the interested bidders. **16.** The LIC Housing Finance Limited reserves the right to CANCEL / ACCEPT / REJECT / ALTER / MODIFY / POSTPONE the AUCTION without giving any reason whatsoever or prior Notice. **17.** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Secured Creditor, viz., LIC Housing Finance Ltd.

Place: Bangalore
Date : 28.01.2026

Sd/- Authorized Officer
L.I.C Housing Finance Ltd, Bangalore

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final death toll in Karachi mall fire as search concludes

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	19	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	29	23	TDS	Melbourne	17	5	LC
Dhaka	27	16	TDS	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	22	SNY	New York	2	-3	SNY
Houston	30	23	TDS	Singapore	27	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	-6	-8	SNY
London	12	8	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

DON DOWNS HEAT, SHIFTS TO DAMAGE CONTROL AFTER SHOOTING

Judge summons ICE head over missed immigrant detention hearings

WASHINGTON

THE chief federal judge in Minnesota says the Trump administration has failed to comply with orders to hold hearings for detained immigrants and ordered the head of Immigration and Customs Enforcement to appear before him Friday to explain why he shouldn't be held in contempt.

In an order dated Monday, Chief Judge Patrick J. Schiltz said Todd Lyons, the acting director of ICE, must appear personally in court. Schiltz took the administration to task over its handling of bond hearings for immigrants it has detained.

"This Court has been extremely patient with respondents, even though respondents decided to send thousands of agents to Minnesota to detain aliens without making any provision for dealing with the hundreds of habeas petitions and other lawsuits that were sure to result," the judge wrote.

The order comes a day after President Donald Trump ordered border czar Tom Homan to take over his administration's immigration crackdown

Todd Lyons, acting director of ICE | AP

in Minnesota following the second death this month of person at the hands of an immigration law enforcement officer.

Trump said in an interview broadcast Tuesday that he had "great calls" with Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz and Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey on Monday, mirroring comments he made immediately after the calls. The White House had tried to blame Democratic leaders for protests of federal officers conducting immigration raids, but after the killing of Alex Pretti on Saturday and videos suggesting he wasn't an active threat, the administration tapped Homan to take charge of the Minnesota operation from Border Patrol commander Gregory Bovino.

Schiltz's order also follows a federal court hearing Monday on a request by the state and the mayors of Minneapolis and St. Paul for a judge to order a halt to the immigration law enforcement surge. The judge said she was prioritizing the ruling but didn't give a timeline. Schiltz wrote that he recognizes ordering the head of a federal agency to appear personally is extraordinary. "But the extent of ICE's violation of court orders is likewise extraordinary, and lesser measures have been tried and failed," he said.

"Respondents have continually assured the Court that they recognize their obligation to comply with Court orders, and that they have taken steps to ensure that those orders will be honored going forward," he wrote. "Unfortunately, though, the violations continue." Messages were sent Tuesday to ICE and a DHS spokesperson seeking a response. The order lists the petitioner by first name and last initials: Juan TR. It says the court granted a petition on January 14 from the person to provide him with a bond hearing within seven days. *AP*

ICE agents to have security role at Milan

MILAN: US ICE agents will have a security role during the upcoming Milan Cortina Winter Games, according to information shared with local media at the US Embassy in Rome. *AP* independently confirmed the information with two officials at the embassy. Officials confirmed ICE participation and said agents would support diplomatic security details and would not run any immigration enforcement operations.

Gun rights pressure drives WH turnabout

WASHINGTON: Prominent Republicans and gun rights advocates helped elicit a White House turnabout this week after bristling over the administration's characterisation of Alex Prettibas responsible for his own death because he lawfully possessed a weapon.The death produced no clear shifts in US gun politics or policies, even Trump shuffles the lieutenants in charge of his militarised immigration crackdown.

Trump Tries to Reframe Message in Iowa Amid Outcry

DES MOINES

PRESIDENT Donald Trump is headed to Iowa on Tuesday as part of the White House's midterm year pivot toward affordability, even as his administration remains mired in the fallout in Minneapolis over a second fatal shooting by federal immigration officers this month.

While in Iowa, the Republican president will make a stop at a local business and then deliver a speech on affordability, White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt said. The remarks will be at the Horizon Events Center in Clive, a suburb of Des Moines.

The trip will also highlight energy policy, White House chief of staff Susie Wiles said last week. It's part of the White House's strategy to have Trump travel out of Washington once a week ahead of the midterm elections to focus on affordability issues facing everyday Americans, an effort that keeps getting diverted by crisis.

The latest comes as the Trump administration is grappling with the weekend shooting death of Alex Pretti, an ICU nurse killed by federal agents in the neighboring state of Minnesota. *AP*

10% more levy on S Korea as deal with US awaits approval

WASHINGTON

DONALD Trump on Monday said he is increasing tariffs on South Korean goods because the country's legislature has yet to approve the trade framework announced last year.

Trump said on social media that import taxes would be raised on autos, lumber and pharmaceutical drugs from South Korea with the rate on other goods going from 15% to 25%. The US president previously imposed the tariffs by declaring an economic emergency and bypassing Congress, while South Korea needed legislative approval for the framework announced in July and affirmed during Trump's October visit to the country.

"Our Trade Deals are very important to America. In each of these Deals, we have acted swiftly to reduce our tariffs in line with the Transaction agreed to," Trump said. "We, of course, expect our Trading Partners to do the same." The threat was a reminder that the tariff drama unleashed last year by Trump is likely to be repeated again and again this year. The global

Vehicles for export are parked at a port in Pyeongtaek, South Korea | AP

economy and US voters might find the world's trade structure constantly being subject to disruption and new negotiations as Trump has already sought to levy tariffs in order to bend other nations to his will.

Trump has in the past tied his tariffs to commitments by South Korea to invest $350 billion in the US economy over several years, including efforts to revitalise American shipyards. But the Trump administration's relations with South Korea have at times been rocky with the raid last year by immigration officials at a Hyundai manufacturing site in Georgia in which 475 people were detained. *AP*

Iran-backed militias in Iraq, Yemen threaten attack on US aircraft carrier

DUBAI

TWO Iranian-backed militias in the West Asia are signaling their willingness to launch new attacks, likely trying to back Iran, as officials acknowledged the arrival of a US aircraft carrier to the region on Monday. President Donald Trump ordered the carriers to move to the West Asia as he threatened military action over its crackdown on nationwide protests.

Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class Dianna Hernandez directs an MH-60R Sea Hawk helicopter on the flight deck of the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln in the Indian Ocean | AP

Yemen's Iranian-backed Houthi rebels on Monday hinted they were ready to resume attacks on shipping in the Red Sea. That came just after Iraq's Kataib Hezbollah paramilitary group, long supported by Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard, issued a direct threat late on Sunday toward any attack targeting Iran, warning a "total war" in the region would be a result.

The statements came as the entire region is mired in a tense waiting game to see if Trump will strike. Kataib Hezbollah sat out from Israel's 12-day war on Iran in June that saw the United States bomb Iranian nuclear sites, while the Houthis fired missiles at Israel during that period.

The hesitancy to get fully involved shows the disarray still affecting Iran's self-described "Axis of Resistance" after facing attacks from Israel during its war on Hamas in the Gaza Strip. The threats came as the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln and other guided missile destroyers in its strike group arrived in the region to "promote regional security and stability," US Central Command said Monday on social media. Trump has said the ships are being moved "just in case" he decides to take action against Iran.

ASIA MATTERS

PLAN TO REVIVE FLOOD-HIT SALT PONDS

$1.49 million budget has been proposed to revive salt ponds damaged by recent floods, with implementation awaiting parliamentary approval. The recovery programme will cover salt production as well as other marine and fisheries sectors, including fish ponds. Flooding submerged most ponds across eight districts and damaged salt tunnels, ruining about half of processed boiled salt. The region has 11 salt production centres. In one district alone, community-run ponds span 37 hectares and support over 400 farmers. Total salt output last year exceeded 12,000 tons.

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
Notice No. CE/PHE/SA/2-474/2026/**4111**
dated: 27.01.2026
It is hereby notified that e-tender process for the following work - I) CONSTRUCTION TO REHABILITATE OF OLD SEWER LINE IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF IMPHAL (SH: PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISION CONSULTANCY SERVICES OF CONSTRUCTION TO REHABILITATE OF OLD SEWER LINE IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF IMPHAL) & II) CONSTRUCTION FOR UPGRADATION OF 27 MLD STP SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT IN IMPHAL CITY (SH: PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISION CONSULTANCY SERVICES OF CONSTRUCTION FOR UPGRADATION OF 27 MLD STP SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT IN IMPHAL CITY) have been initiated.
The details can be obtained from the website **https:/manipurtenders.gov.in**
Sd/-
Chief Engineer, PHED
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA-DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP, SDSC –SHAR
SRIHARIKOTA-524124
Brief E-TENDER NOTICE
e-Tender Notice No. PT-E-25-030 **Date: 22/01/2026**
On behalf of President of India, Item Rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for the following works:

Sl. No.	Brief Name of work	Value (Rs)
1	Term Contract for execution of minor/maintenance electrical works for SPROB SMP & ETF, LPBSF and SPP areas at SDSC SHAR (TERM Contract - III) for the year 2026-27.	40 Lakhs

Last date for sale (Tender documents can be downloaded) up to **10/02/2026**, **14:30 hrs**. For eligibility criteria and other details, interested tenderers may please refer to the detailed bilingual (Hindi-English) Notice Inviting Tenders (NIT) on the website **https://www.isro.gov.in/Tenders.html** and tender free view at **https://www.tenderwizard.com/isro** .
Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG/ SDSC SHAR

PUBLIC NOTICE
ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068
The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA). A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Jeason Thomas/ Resy No312 4 3 2 2 312 4 2 2 3 Francisco Kites, Peringala Po, Pothanamp, Near Salati Juma Masjid, Cochin- 683544 / LBCOC00006608789/ TBCOC00006561576	As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All That Parts And Parcels of The Property In 0.55 Ares And 1.32 Ares In Sy No :549/1 13,549/1-9,549/1-2, Re Sy: 312/4-3-2-2,312/4-2-2, Kunnathunad Taluk, Kunnathunad Village, Ernakulam Dist. With Sale Deed No: 2380/21, Owned By Jeason Thomas Bounded By : North: Demarcated Property South: Demarcated Property East: Demarcated Property West: 4 Meter Wide Private Passage Provided Ingress And Egress	December 15, 2025 Rs. 72,92,539.00/-	06/ Sep/ 2025

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.
Date: January 28, 2026
Place: Bengaluru
Sincerely Authorised Officer,
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

IndusInd Bank Embassy Heights, Block B, 3rd Floor, 13 MC. Grath Road, Bangalore-560025, Tel: (0080) 46677300.
Registered Office: 2401 Gen. Thimmayya Road, Pune-411001, India Tel.: (020) 26343201. Fax: (020) 2634 3241 Visit us at www.indusind.com, CIN: L65191PN1994PLC076333
E-Auction Sale Proclamation Notice under SARFAESI ACT 2002
Sale of immovable asset under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as the Act).
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s in particular that the under mentioned property is mortgaged / charged to the secured creditor, being IndusInd Bank Limited, the possession of under mentioned property had been taken by the Authorised Officer of the **IndusInd Bank Limited** under S. 13(4) of the Act will be sold by E- Auction as mentioned below for recovery of under mentioned dues and applicable interest, charges and costs etc. as detailed below.
The property described below is being sold on "**As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** under the rule no. 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules (hereinafter referred to as the rules) for the recovery of the dues detailed as under:
Name of Borrower : Inch Furniture
Co-Borrowers/Guarantors: Mr. G Balaji, Mr. VinodhGurusamy, Mr. Krishnappa Gopal, Mrs. BhavanaBalaji, Mrs. R. Sankari
Total Amount Due as on 31.12.2025: **Rs. 4,24,48,209.32(Rupees Four Crores Twenty-Four Lakhs Forty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Nineand Paisa Thirty-Two Only)**with further interest there onat the contractual rate / cost and expenses.
Nature of Possession : Physical Possession : Mode of Auction: E-AUCTON
Date and time of E-Auction : 20/02/2026,11.00 AM to 12.00 PM
Reserve Price:Rs.1,70,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Lakhs Only)
EMD : Rs.17,00,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs only) RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to the credit of "IndusInd Bank Ltd", Account No. 00083564604005, IFSC: INDB0000008
Bid Increment : Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only)
DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET:]
All the piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Flat No. G-1 and, Present Municipal No.62/19/G-1, P.I.D. No. 36-78-19/G-1, Ground Floor with super built up area of 1600 Square Feet and one car parking space in the basement and 500 square feet of undivided share in the property bearing site No.62, Present municipal No.62/19, situated at 2nd main road, the National Housing Co-operative Society layout, KempapuraAgrahara Village, now Prasanth Nagar, ward no.36, Bangalore, measuring East to West (80 + 81.03)/2 feet and North to South 50 feet, measuring all 374.294 square meters and bounded on the;East by: 40 feet wide road,West by: Site Nos.67 & 68,North by: Site No.61,South by: Site No.63.
All the piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Flat No. F-1, Present Municipal No.62/19-2/F-1, P.I.D. No. 36-78-19-2/F-1, First Floor with super built up area of 1600 Square Feet and one car parking space in the basement and 500 square feet of undivided share in the property bearing site No.62, Present municipal No.62/19, situated at 2nd main road, the National Housing Co-operative Society layout, Kempapura Agrahara Village, now Prasanth Nagar, ward no.36, Bangalore, measuring East to West (80 + 81.03)/2 feet and North to South 50 feet, measuring all 374.294 square meters and bounded on the;East by: 40 feet wide road,West by: Site Nos.67 & 68,North by: Site No.61,South by: Site No.63.
Date of Inspection: 18/02/2026 between 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM. Please contact **Mr. Vishal Rajvansh 7903439576, Mr. Jansi Rao Mob. 9886090570** and Authorised Officer **Mr.Ravindar Jatothu Mob: 8688709890ravindar.jatothu@indusind.com.**
Last Date of Submission of bids (E-auction): 19/02/2026 up to 04:00 PM
This publication is also a Fifteen Days (15) notice to the aforementioned borrower/ guarantors under Rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditors Website i.e, **https://www.indusindbank.com,** regarding E-Auction/sale of respective property and other details before submitting their bids for taking part in the E – Auction. Bidders may also visit the website **https://www.bankeauctions.com.**
Date : 27-01-2026 **Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **IndusInd Bank Ltd**

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2 AT BANGALORE
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560 001
Case No: O.A.No. 111/2025
Between: HDFC Bank Ltd. ...Applicant
:And:
Miss. Mishra Swayamprabha ...Defendants
To, Miss. Mishra Swayamprabha
D/o Sri. Dharmendra Kumar Mishra, Aged about 33 years, 22135, Voilets Place, Prestige, Shantiniketan, Whitefield, Bengaluru - 560 048.
Also at: Miss. Mishra Swayamprabha
D/o Sri. Dharmendra Kumar Mishra, Aged about 33 years, Tata Consultancy Services Ltd., Brigade Bhuwalka Icon 40, ITPL Main Road, Whitefield, Bengaluru - 560 066.
Also at: Miss. Mishra Swayamprabha
D/o Sri. Dharmendra Kumar Mishra, Aged about 33 years, Skylark Ithaca Flat - T5-1302, 13th Floor, Tower-T5, S.No. 28,29, 30/1, 32/1 & 24/4, 24/5, 24/6, Sonnenahalli Village & Kodigehalli Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru - 560 036.
SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (Viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
WHEREAS: the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions, Act, 1993, against the above defendants for the recovery of sum of Rs.30,95,074/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand & Seventy Four Only) amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. The above mentioned defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on **27-02-2026 at 10:30 a.m.** as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this day of 12-11-2025.
BY THE ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
Sd/- REGISTRAR-2
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2
BANGALORE

pnb Housing Finance Limited Regd. Office:- 9th Floor, Antrakish Bhavan, 22, K G Marg, New Delhi-110001,Ph: 011-23357171, 23357172, 23705414, Web: www.pnbhousing.com; Branch Address : No. 40, Jodh Tower 3rd Floor, 27th Cross, 5th Main Road, Jayanagar 4th Block,Bangalore-560 011
DEMAND NOTICE
Notice Under Section 13(2) of Chapter III of Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Nterest Act 2002, Read With Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Amended as On Date. We, the **PNB Housing Finance Limited** (hereinafter referred to as **'PNBHFL'**) had issued Demand notice U/s 13(2) of Chapter III of the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. The said Demand Notice was issued through our Authorized Officer to all below mentioned Borrowers/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantors since your account has been classified as Non-Performing (NPA) Assets as per the Reserve Bank of India/ National Housing Bank guidelines due to non-payment of instalments/ interest. The contents of the same are the defaults committed by you in the payment of instalments of principals, interest, etc. Further, with reasons, we believe that you are evading the service of Demand Notice hence we are doing this Publication of Demand Notice which is also required U/s 13(2) of the said Act.You are hereby called upon to pay PNBHFL within a period of 60 Days of the date of publication of this demand notice the aforesaid amount along with up-to-date interest and charges, failing which **PNBHFL** will take necessary action/measures under all or any of the provisions of Section 13(4) of the said Act, against all or any one or more of the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and guarantors. Your kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 where under you can tender/pay the entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the **PNB HFL** only till the date of publication.

S. No.	Branch	Loan A/c No(s)	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Description of the Property/ies	Date of Demand Notice	Amount Outstanding
1	Jaya Nagar	HOU/ BAN/ 0315/ 213201	**"Mr. Kamalakar Kuchivada** "S/o. K Prabhakar Reddy" Flat No 205, SLS Sunflower, Block A, "Panathur Post Marathalli, Bangalore-560103 .""**Mrs. M Mrudula**"W/o. Kamalakar Kuchivada" Flat No 205, SLS Sunflower, Block A,"Panathur Post Marathalli, Bangalore-560103.""Both at:""Flat No. B5O0707, Block 5, 7th Floor, "Pashmina Brookwoods, Kammasandra Village,"Bidarahalli Hobli, K.R.Puram,Bangalore -563121."	"(Description of the composite property) ""All that piece and parcel of the property bearing New Khatha Nos.48, 49, 50 & 51, issued by Bidrahalli Panchyat office (Sy.No.24 measuring 26 guntas, Sy.No.23/1 measuring 2 acre 7 guntas, Sy.No.22/1 & 22/2 measuring 4 acre, and Sy.No.22/3 measuring 3 acre 15 guntas, totally measuring 10 acres 8 guntas) (Approximately measuring 444312 Sq.ft) of land converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose, situated at Kammasandra Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk and bounded on: "East by : Road,"West by : Sy.No's.25,26 & 27,"North by : Sy.No. 20 &21,"South by : Byappanahalli Village Boundary.""SCHEDULE B ""An undivided share, right title and interest equivalent to 14.63 Sq mt in Schedule 'A' Property. ""SCHEDULE-'C'"(Apartment) ""All that piece and parcel of flat bearing No. B500707 on the floor 7 and consisting of one bedroom, hall, kitchen ONE OPEN car park with a super built up area of 48.78 Sq mt in the building known as "" Pashmina Brookwoods"" to be constructed on Schedule 'A' Property. "	09/01/ 2026	Rs. 18,11,758/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Eight Only) due as on 09-01-2026
2	Malleshwaram	HOU/ MLS/ 0616/ 298717	**"Mr. Mahesh M"**S/o. Muni Madaiah "No. 101, A KEB Qtrs, Rajajinagar,"Bangalore – 560010.""**Mrs. Shivalingamma M**"W/o. Muni Madaiah "No. 101, A KEB Qtrs, Rajajinagar, "Bangalore – 560010.""Both at:""Flat No. B-102,1 Floor, Block B, "CMRS Royal Orchid, VarthurVillage, "Whitefield, Bangalore -560087." **"Mrs. Swetha Kumari"**W/o. Vikash Kumar"No. B303, Aakruti, 13th Cross, "Anathnagar Phase 2, Electronic city Phase 2,"Bangalore – 560100.**"Also at:"**House No 57, Ward No 8, Shyam Baba Path,"IMS Road, Jhumri Telaiya, Barkatha, "Koderma, Jharkhand-825409"	"SCHEDULE I ""All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing Converted Sy.No.196/3, {converted vide order No. ALN (EVH] SR 288/2012-13, Dated.26/ 12/2012, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist., Bangalore}, situated at Varthur Village, Varthur Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, totally measuring about 1 (One) Acre 02.08 (Two & Half) Guntas, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the "East by : Property belongs to Smt.Meenakshamma;"West by : Property belongs to Chikka Kanakappa;"North by : Balagere Road;"South by : Property belongs to Sri M. Nagappa Reddy.""SCHEDULE II""388 Sq.ft undivided share interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule I above. "SCHEDULE III"APARTMENT bearing No B-102, in the First Floor, measuring 1080 Sq.feet Super Built-up Area, mention the carpet area here containing Two Bedrooms, together with RCC Roofing, vitrified flooring, along with one covered Car Parking Space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building to be constructed on the Schedule I Property known as ""ROYAL ORCHID"" "	09/01/ 2026	**Rs. 49,02,377/-** (Rupees Forty Nine Lakhs Two Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Seven Only) due as on 09-01-2026
3	Marathahalli	HOU/ MRH/ 0323/ 1092797	**"Mr. Chandrappa Ambiger"**S/o. Puttappa Ambiger"Flat No.312, 3rd Floor, DS Max Spring Apartments,"5th Cross, Rajanna Layout, Horamavu Agara, Bangalore – 560043.""**Mr. Akkamma Ambiger**"S/o. Chandrappa Ambiger"Flat No.312,3rd Floor, DS Max Spring Apartments,"5th Cross, Rajanna Layout, Horamavu Agara, Bangalore – 560043.""**Both at:**""Site No.10, Sy.No1, Medarahalli Village, "Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore -560022."	"All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No 10, formed in converted Survey No.1 (Vide Conversion Order No. B.DIS.ALN.SR(N)36/2003-04, dated: 05-06-2003, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) Bengaluru District, Bengaluru situated Medarahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bengaluru) measuring East to West (35-0 + 40-0) /2 feet and North to South: 40-0 feet in all total measuring 1500 Sq feet and bounded on:"East by : Private Property "West by : Road "North by : Site No.09 "South by : Private Property. "	16/01/ 2026	**Rs. 49,68,857/-** (Rupees Forty Nine Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Seven Only) due as on 16-01-2026
4	Malleshwaram	NHL/ MLS/ 0418/ 523309	**"Mrs. Gomathi D"** W/o. R Velu"No 72/2, 2nd Cross, 2nd Main,"Prakash Nagar, Srirampuram, "Bangalore -560021.""**Mr. Raman Velu"** S/o. Srinivasan Raman"No 72/2, 2nd Cross, 2nd Main,"Prakash Nagar, Srirampuram, "Bangalore -560021.""Both at:""No.542, Shed No.2/1, Kempegowda Industrial Estate,"Kamakshipalya, Bangalore – 560079.""No 182/A/85/1, 8th Main, 3rd Block,"Prakashnagar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore- 560010.." **"M/s. Akash Industries"**No.542, Shed No. 2/1, Kempegowda Industrial Estate,"Kamakshipalya, Bangalore – 560079."	"All that piece and parcel of the property bearing BDA No. 182, Southern portion of Municipal No.182/85, present BDA No. 182/A, Municipal No.182/85/1, Situated at 3rd Block, Rajajinagar, Prakashnagar, 8th Cross, BBMP Ward No.23, Bangalore, measuring East to West 40 feet, and North to South 15 feet along with 2 Square feet RCC roofed house and bounded on the :"East by: Property No.218,"West by: Road,"North by: Remaining portion of Municipal No. 182/85, BDA No. 182, belongs to P. Krishnamurthy, "South by: Property No.181."	16/01/ 2026	**Rs. 33,70,729/-** (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Seventy Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Nine Only) due as on 16-01-2026

Date:23.01.2026, Place: BANGALORE **Sd/- Authorised Officer, PNB Housing Finance Limited**

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to the general public that, **Sri Venu Gopal. N,** S/o Late Nagappa, aged about 64 years and Smt Sunitha, W/o Sri Venugopal. N, Aged about 57 years, Both are Residents of Bhoga Nanjappana Doddi Village, Kodihalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Now Bengaluru South District (Ramangara District) both are intending to enter into an Agreement of Sale dt: 5.1.2026, for purchase of the agricultural property described below from Sri Suresh Kumar. S. S/o K.Sadhashivan, aged about 35 years, R/at No.52, 1st Floor, B.E.M.L. Layout, Gottigere, Rajarajesh warinagara, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru - 560 098:
Description of the Property: Agricultural land bearing Old Survey No. 290, after phode Resurvey No.290/1, Measuring 2 acre 30 guntas Land, situated at Hukunda Village, Uyyamballi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramangara District Now Benglauru South District, Karnataka and bounded on
East by : Land of Madumalathi D/o Venkatesh,
West by : Land of Puttegowda H.D. S/o Dyavalingegowda,
North by: Land of Kempamma W/o H.V. Venkataramanegowda and
South by : Land of Ramu S/o Lingegowda.
The proposed vendor claims to be the absolute owner in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the said property. In this regard an agreement of sale entered between the both parties on 05-01-2026.
Any person or persons/bank any Institutions having any right, title, Interest, claim, share, lien, mortgage, lease, charge, inheritance, litigation, agreement, or any other encumbrance over the said property are hereby called upon to submit their objections with documentary proof, If any, to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.
If no objections are received within the stipulated period, it shall be presumed that there are no claims over the said property, and the proposed purchaser shall proceed with the Agreement of Sale dated 05-01-2026. Any claims made thereafter shall not be entertained.
Place : Bengaluru **Date :** 27/1/2026
M. Krishna Murthy & Associates
ADVOCATES
#243, 1st Floor, Pipeline Road, Yeshwanthpura, Bengaluru -560 022
Mob. No. 9845114736.

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Request for Proposal Notice No: 395/2025-26
The tenderers willing to submit tenders for Management and **Operation of Multi Utility Facility Complex (MUFC) at Panjappur in Ward No.62, Tiruchirappalli City Corporation on Public Private Partnership ("PPP") Mode for a period of 15 years,** are requested to submit tenders through E-Tendering procedure in **http://tntenders.gov.in** as well as through sealed hard copies on or before **3.00 p.m.** of **20.02.2026,** which will be downloaded and opened at **04.00 p.m** in the same day. If the date of receipt of tender happens to be holiday, then tenders will be received in the succeeding working day at the same time and venue.
Pre bid meeting in this regard will be held on **05.02.2026** at **11.00 am** at **Commissioner's Conference Hall, Corporation Main office.** Other details may be obtained in the Engineering section, Main office during office hours in working days. Tender Conditions are available in the above said website.
(E1/14649/2025(Main)
DIPR/478/TENDER/2026
Commissioner,
Tiruchirappalli City Corporation

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD		SILVER			FOREX	
319.78 ▲	Sensex	81,857.48	24 carat (10 gm)	₹162,100	₹10,000 ▲	1 kg	₹370,000	▲ Dollar	91.82
126.75 ▲	Nifty	25,175.40	22 carat (10 gm)	₹148,600	₹100 ▲	10 gm	₹3,700	▲ Euro	109.06

INDUSTRY VIEWS

The India-EU trade pact has come as a welcome relief for industries facing global uncertainties

This agreement opens opportunities for Indian firms such as Airtel to invest in the digital infrastructure in Europe — Sunil Mittal, founder and Chairman, Bharti Enterprises

We see a huge positive for the auto sector as it provides duty-free access to EU OEMs to invest further in India — Dr Anish Shah, Group CEO and MD, Mahindra Group

For companies like ours with significant presence across the EU, the deal enables deeper integration into European value chains — R Dinesh, Chairman, TVS Supply Chain Solutions

Renault Group has made long-term, high-value commitments to both regions. The FTA reinforces our confidence to invest across both sides — Stéphane Deblaise, CEO, Renault Group India

With over 90% of our sales coming from locally-made models, and only 5% from CBU imports from the EU, we do not foresee any price reduction — Santosh Iyer, MD & CEO, Mercedes-Benz India

● Import duty of 12% on textile to be removed ● FTA to cut import duties on European cars from 110% to as low as 10% ● No relaxation from CBAM for Indian cos

India-EU FTA a perfect fit for textile sector

SANAL SUDEVAN @ Chennai

THE textile industry stands to gain from the India-European Union (EU) trade pact as the 27-member bloc will eliminate tariffs of up to 12% on textile and apparel imports from India. The EU is India's second-largest export market for textiles and apparel after the US. The sector has been under stress following tariffs of over 60% imposed by the US in April 2025.

India exports about $7 billion worth of textiles and garments to the EU a year. With the tariffs set to go immediately, Indian textile exports, which have faced competition from countries like Bangladesh and Vietnam, will get more level-playing field in the EU markets.

"Because of Bangladesh's Least Development Country (LDC) status, it used to have zero-duty access in Europe. They were able to capture $30 billion out of the $250 billion market of the EU in textiles alone. Now, we see a potential to grow from $7 billion to $30-35 billion very quickly, (textile being an area of strength for India)," Piyush Goyal said in a media interaction.

The commerce ministry in a statement said gaining zero duty access in textiles and clothing, covering all tariff lines and reducing tariffs by up to 12%, would open up the EU's $263.5 billion import market. "Building on India's current $36.7 billion in global textile and apparel exports, including $7.2 billion to the EU, such access would expand opportunities, particularly in yarn, cotton yarn, man-made fibre apparel, ready-made garments, men's and women's clothing and home textiles," the ministry said.

The duty-free access will apply across all textile product categories.

The sector has reacted with a mix of optimism and caution after the announcement. Industry players say the removal of duties will help India compete more effectively with Bangladesh, Vietnam, Sri Lanka and other countries that already enjoy zero or preferential duty access to the European market.

However, experts caution that the full benefits of the pact may materialise by FY28 as the deal will need ratification by European nations before it comes into force. KM Subramaniam, president of the Tiruppur Exporters' Association, said: "Once the agreement becomes effective, we expect nearly 15% growth in exports from the Tiruppur region."

A Sakthivel, chairman of the Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC), said while the EU sources about 28% of its apparel imports from India, India's overall share in the European market remains limited at 2.9%.

WIN-WIN DEAL

1. India exports $7 bn worth garments, textiles to EU a year
2. Duty on India to come on a par with Bangladesh, Vietnam
3. **EU** textile exports to grow from $7 bn to $35 bn soon: Goyal
4. Gaining zero duty access in textiles will open up EU mkt

High localisation to limit trade pact benefits on import of luxury vehicles

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

DESPITE the India-European Union free trade agreement (FTA) sharply reducing import duties on European cars—from 110% to as low as 10%—prices of most European luxury cars sold in India are unlikely to fall, industry executives said. High localisation levels and already low duties on completely knocked-down (CKD) kits are expected to limit any immediate price impact.

European automakers including Volkswagen, Skoda, Renault, Stellantis, Mercedes-Benz, BMW and Audi already operate manufacturing plants and assembly lines in India, insulating bulk of their portfolios from steep import tariffs. As a result, only a small set of niche, fully built-up (CBU) imports may see marginal price relief over time. Under the FTA, tariffs on imported European cars—currently among the highest globally—will be reduced in phases under a quota-based system, while duties on automotive parts will be eliminated over a five-to-ten-years.

"With over 90% of Mercedes-Benz India's sales volume coming from 'Made in India' locally manufactured models, and only around 5% from CBU imports from the EU, we do not foresee any price reduction for Mercedes-Benz vehicles from the FTA in the foreseeable future," said Santosh Iyer, Managing Director and CEO, Mercedes-Benz India. "Our focus will remain on value addition through local production and competitive pricing, making world-class vehicles in India for Indian customers."

Iyer added that the gradual reduction of tariffs on vehicles and full liberalisation of automotive parts are strategically important elements of the agreement for the industry.

Currently, locally manufactured luxury cars attract a basic customs duty of about 16.5%, while fully imported vehicles from the EU face duties of up to 110%. Additionally, the rupee's 19% depreciation against the euro in 2025 is expected to offset much of the benefit from lower import duties on CBUs over the next few years.

Wine, alcoholic beverages from Europe to be cheaper

Wine and other alcoholic beverages from Europe are set to become cheaper, with the trade deal reducing import tariffs. Duties on wine will be cut from as high as 150% to 20% for premium wines and 30% for mid-range wines. Tariffs on spirits, currently as high as 150%, will be reduced to 40%, while beer duties will come down from 110% to 50%

EU, India to hold technical dialogue to ease market access under CBAM rules

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

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>
> Rajesh Agrawal, commerce secretary

CBAM related cost pressure

India's iron, steel and aluminium sectors tend to have higher embedded emissions than EU benchmarks, making them vulnerable to CBAM-related cost pressure

INDIA and the European Union have agreed to set up a technical dialogue to address market access challenges faced by Indian exporters under the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), even as the carbon tax itself remains outside the scope of the free trade agreement (FTA).

Commerce secretary Rajesh Agrawal said there would be no exemption or relaxation from CBAM for Indian exporters, but both sides had agreed on mechanisms to help industry navigate the regulation.

"There are certain provisions that we have agreed under CBAM. A technical dialogue will be set up to address the pathway for industries to access the European market despite the CBAM regulation being in place. We will work together to ensure that CBAM verifiers in India are accredited by EU agencies, enabling our industries to access them more easily," Agrawal said while addressing the media on Tuesday after conclusion of India–EU FTA negotiations.

CBAM is the EU's instrument to place a price on carbon emissions embedded in carbon-intensive goods entering the bloc.

A commerce ministry statement said that "India has secured several commitments under the CBAM framework, including a forward-looking most-favoured-nation assurance that would extend any flexibilities granted to third countries, enhanced technical cooperation on recognition of carbon pricing mechanisms and verifiers.

Service providers to get easier EU market access

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

SERVICES trade and cross-border mobility for professionals have emerged as key gains for India under the newly concluded India–European Union Free Trade Agreement (FTA), with the pact securing expanded market access for Indian service providers and a predictable framework for the movement of skilled and semi-skilled workers across Europe.

As per the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the agreement delivers "ambitious and commercially meaningful" commitments in services, reflecting the growing importance of the sector, which is the fastest-growing component of both the Indian and EU economies. India–EU trade in services stood at about $83 billion in 2024, and officials expect this to rise sharply once the agreement comes into force.

Under the FTA, Indian service providers will get access to the EU market across 144 subsectors, including IT and IT-enabled services, professional services, education, financial services, tourism, construction and other business services. The government said this certainty of market access and non-discriminatory treatment would help Indian firms scale up operations and offer competitive services to European consumers.

In return, the EU will gain access to 102 services subsectors in India, a move expected to attract greater European investment and high-end services into the Indian market, deepening bilateral integration.

A major highlight of the pact is a future-ready mobility framework that facilitates short-term and temporary movement of professionals in both directions. The framework covers intra-corporate transferees (ICTs), business visitors and other categories essential for services trade. It provides entry and work rights for dependents and family members of ICTs, a provision that has long been sought by Indian companies and professionals.

The EU has committed market access in 37 sectors and subsectors for contractual service suppliers and 17 sectors for independent professionals. These include areas of strong Indian interest such as professional services, computer and related services, research and development, and education.

ENERGY

India to become world's crude oil refining hub: PM

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

INDIA is poised to become the number one country globally in petroleum products refining capacity, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday.

Modi, speaking at the fourth edition of India Energy Week 2026 in Goa, also mentioned that the present refining capacity stands at around 260 MMT per annum, and continuous efforts are underway to raise it beyond 300 MMT per annum. The Prime Minister underlined that this represents a major advantage for investors and called it a big opportunity for global companies to invest in India. He further emphasized that India's energy sector lies at the center of the nation's aspirations, offering investment opportunities worth $500 billion.

"India's present refining capacity stands at about 260 MMT per annum, and continuous efforts are underway to raise it beyond 300 MMT per annum," said Modi. As per government data, India currently has a refining capacity of 258.1 MMTPA (Million Metric Tonnes Per Annum), equivalent to about 5.2 million barrels per day (bpd). As of January 2026, India's refining sector is dominated by Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL), the country's largest refiner, which operates a vast network including key facilities in Panipat, Paradip, and Gujarat.

Adani ties up with Embraer to manufacture aircraft

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

AIRCRAFT manufacturer Embraer and Adani Defence & Aerospace have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to explore opportunities in aircraft manufacturing, supply chain, aftermarket services and pilot training. The partnership will establish an assembly line, followed by a phased increase in indigenisation to advance India's Regional Transport Aircraft (RTA) programme.

The pact between the two parties was signed at an event in New Delhi attended by Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu. The final terms and conditions, and the nature of the partnership are yet to be announced. Details about the investments and the location of the proposed facility were also not disclosed.

With the partnership, Adani Group, one of the leading players in the aviation space, will start manufacturing aircraft in India. Besides two airports in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region, Adani Group operates six other airports at Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Guwahati, Thiruvananthapuram, Jaipur and Mangaluru. Jeet Adani, director, Adani Defence & Aerospace, said a couple of sites are being looked at for the manufacturing facility and things would be finalised in the next couple of months.

Aviation minister Naidu said this is the time to be in India as he highlighted the manufacturing and growth potential of the country. He added that the need for regional transport aircraft has never been strong before and it will help in providing solutions for many problems. The collaboration can also have manufacturing aircraft for the larger South Asian market.

Arjan Meijer, president and CEO, Embraer Commercial Aviation said, "India is a pivotal market for Embraer, and this partnership combines our aerospace expertise with Adani's strong industrial capabilities and commitment to indigenisation."

To establish assembly line, expand indigenisation

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CANADA TO SUPPLY LNG, LPG, OIL TO INDIA

RAKESH KUMAR @ Panaji

CANADA will supply liquefied natural gas (LNG), liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), and crude oil to India, while India will export refined petroleum products to Canada, according to the Canada–India Ministerial Energy Dialogue held on Tuesday.

The dialogue took place between India's Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri, and Canada's Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, Timothy Hodgson, on the sidelines of India Energy Week 2026 (IEW'26) in Goa. "The ministers affirm to deepen bilateral energy trade, including supply of Canadian LNG, LPG, and crude oil to India, and the supply of refined petroleum products from India to Canada.

Natural Resources Canada and India's Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas recognized the complementary nature of their energy sectors and the mutual value to be gained from sustained engagement on energy matters," the statement said. Puri, while speaking to journalists, said Canada has strengths across several energy sectors.

AI pushes Indian IT firms towards smaller, phased technology deals

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ @ Bengaluru

INDIAN IT companies are seeing a clear change in how global clients are buying technology services in FY26, with large transformation contracts increasingly being split into smaller, faster-to-execute deals.

Executives across companies linked the trend to how artificial intelligence (AI) projects are being adopted. Rather than committing to large-scale programmes from the start, clients are beginning with smaller implementations and scaling them over time.

"Clients aren't cutting technology spend, but they are changing how they commit to it. With AI still evolving, enterprises prefer smaller, phased programmes that deliver quick returns and remain flexible. Large transformations are happening slowly as clients are testing value first before scaling investments," said an analyst who tracks the sector at a domestic broking firm.

During its Q2 FY26 earnings call, Infosys said clients were "prioritising shorter-cycle, high-ROI programs" and were "taking a phased approach to large transformations". It added that revenue growth during the quarter was driven more by pricing and execution than by volumes, pointing to smaller deal sizes despite continued client engagement.

In the Q3FY26 earnings call, Infosys again referred to cautious client behaviour, noting that "volumes continue to remain soft" even as deal pipelines stayed active. Infosys added low double-digit clients in the $10 million plus category between Q1 and Q3 FY26, while the $100 million client count remained flat during the period.

TCS made similar remarks during its Q1 and Q2 FY26 earnings calls. In the Q1 FY26 call, the company said that "decision cycles remain elongated", while in the Q2 FY26 call, management stated that clients were "approving programs in smaller chunks".

From Q1 to Q3 of FY26, TCS added 23 clients in the $1 million plus category and 10 in the $20 million plus category, while $100 million plus clients rose by two. Meanwhile, HCLTech during its Q3 FY26 earnings call said that it reported new bookings of $2.6 billion and said this was "the first time we crossed the $2.5 billion mark without a contribution from any mega deal". Between Q1 and Q3 FY26, HCLTech added 20 clients in the $10 million plus bucket and 15 in the $20 million+ bucket, compared with one addition in the $100 million+ category.

Wipro's management also said during its Q1 FY26 earnings call that the clients were "prioritising smaller, faster decision-making engagements with near-term outcomes". Between Q1 and Q3 FY26, Wipro added 11 clients in the $10–20 million bucket and six in the $20–50 million bucket, while $100 million plus clients fell by two. While deal fragmentation has become more visible in FY26, large and mega-deals have not disappeared, but they are fewer and slower to ramp up, with work split into phases.

CLIENT ADDITION IN FY26

Company	DEAL VALUE: Below $20M	Between $20–50M	$100M+
Wipro	11	6	–2
TCS	23	10	2
Infosys	13-15	NA	NA
HCLTech	20	15	1

NA: Not available

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2 AT BANGALORE
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560 001
Case No: O.A.No. 2311/2024
Between: HDFC Bank Ltd. ...Applicant
:And:
Sri. Pradyumna & Others ...Defendants

To,
3. Multi Vision Pro
Represented by its Managing Partner No. 687/6/C, 1st Floor, Multi Meridian Apartment, CBI Main Road, Ganganagar, Bengaluru - 560 032.

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (Viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS: the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions, Act, 1993, against the above defendants for the recovery of sum of Rs.32,57,285/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand & Two Hundred Eighty Five Only) amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.
The above mentioned defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on **30-03-2026 at 10:30 a.m.** as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this day of 28-11-2025.

BY THE ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
Sd/- REGISTRAR-2
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2
BANGALORE

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II (KARANATAKA)
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore -560 001
Original Application No.2548/2024
STATE BANK OF INDIA
Versus
SMT. HEMAVATHI P & Another

SUMMONS ISSUED TO FIRST AND SECOND DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To, 01. Smt. Hemavathi P. W/o. Krishnaiah P., Metro Security & Allied Services, No. 69, Manjunatha Nilaya, Jai Bharath Road, Netravathi Extensions, K. R. Puram , Bengaluru - 560 036.
02. Sri P. Krishnaiah S/o. Kuppaiah Chetty, Metro Security & Allied Services, No. 69, Manjunatha Nilaya, Jai Bharath Road, Netravathi Extension, K. R. Puram, Bengaluru - 560 036.
Whereas this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/notice on the said Application under Section 19(4) of the Act (O.A.) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs.2,00,17,431.00 (Rs. Two Crore Seventeen Thousand Four Hundred Thirty one only) as on 21.10.2024 with future interest @12.45% per annum with monthly rests for Housing Term loan and S.B.I. Suraksha till the realization of entire dues with costs thereon.
You are required to show causes on **12.03.2026 at 10.30 a.m.** in person/s or by a pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in event of default, the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **11.11.2025**

By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II, Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified to the general public that C. Uma, D/o Late P.R. Chandrashekar& Late Smt. R. Pushpa, residing at No. J-04/4, Anjaneya Block, 1st Cross, 1st Main, Near MahilaVidyalaya School, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru – 560020, is the absolute owner and lawful possessor of the below Schedule Property.
It has come to the knowledge of the undersigned Uma C that Mr. Thomas Babuin collusion with others, have illegally/ forcibly taken and are unlawfully retaining the original title documents relating to the Schedule Property survey No. 27/1 including Original Will(s) dated 08/01/1997 and dated 15.03.2023, Original Sale Deed/Title Deeds, Original e-Khatha and other revenue records, and are attempting to misuse the same for creating false claims/transactions.
Hence, the general public, purchasers, banks, financial institutions, builders, brokers and all concerned are hereby cautioned not to enter into any sale, mortgage, lease, loan, agreement, development or any transaction in respect of the Schedule Property based on such documents or representations. Any person dealing with the said persons and/or documents shall do so at their own risk, cost and consequences.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All the part and parcel of the Property bearing No. 27/1, totally measuring 14157 Sq. Ft. situated at Barige Muddenahalli, Gandhinagar Division, near Old Savari Line Layout, Bangalore, under Sy. No. 27/1. The property is bounded on the east by a choultry/Anjanaya temple, on the west road leading to railway station, private property sy. 26/5 and sy. No. 26/6, south by survey no. 27/2.
Amaravathy M, Advocate, No. 2373/F, 1st main 9th cross RPC layout vijayanagar Bangalore 560040
Mob. 9945865369

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that **SRI.NARASIMHA MURTHY B.L** is the absolute owner of immovable property mentioned in the schedule hereunder and he has lost the original Sale Deed dt 1/2/2016 bearing Document No.6923/2015-16, of Book-1, stored in CD No.633, executed by Sri.P.Venkatesh and his children Smt.Venkatalakshmi, Smt.Chandrakala, Sri.Venteshwara V and Sri.Gopalakrishna V, in favour of Sri.Perumal A S/o late Sri.Annamalai, registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Peenya, Bangalore. In case anybody having any claims or in possession of the said document, shall inform the under singed and handover the same within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of northern portion of vacant site bearing Site No.48/2, Old Property No.48, Survey No.16, Katha No.48/2 situated at Abbigere Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, now comes under BBMP Ward No.12, measuring east to west 30 feet and north to south 22.5 feet totally measuring 675 sq.ft along with four squares AC Sheet House with all civic amenities and bounded as follows : **East by :**Road, **West by :** Private Property, **North by:** Private Property, **South by :** Southern portion of Property No.48.

N. JAGADEESH KUMAR, Advocate
No.30/1, 2nd Floor, 7th Cross,
Near NR Colony Bus Stand,
Opp. Hotel Dwaraka, Bangalore-560019.

PUBLIC NOTICE
(Loss of Document)

We, Subramani and Rathnamma Resident of No.133, Taralabalu Sector, Addevishwanathapura, Arakere, Bengaluru - 561203, Confirm resident of the above address, We, hereby declare that I have Misplaced the following Documents No. YAN - 1 - 05446 - 2012-13, dated: 11-1002012, CD No.YAND435 while travelling in a bus on 26-01-26 and Further Police complaint has been lodged on 26/01/2026 in Online bearing Lost Report No.2027689/2026 to this effect which has been duly acknowledged. The above Public Notice is now issued. Any person having claim/in possession of the said document may represent to the under signed within **7 days** failing which it will be taken that there are no claims.

Subramani Phone No: 9513719143

PUBLIC NOTICE

On behalf of my client Mr Hanumanth Hyati S/o Lakshmappa Hyati, residing at No. 103, Bannerughatta Road, Janatha Colony, Bannerughatta, Anekal, Bangalore-560083, to bring notice to the general public that the original Sale Certificate executed by Asset Care and Reconstruction Enterprise Ltd in favour of Hanumanth Hyati registered as Doc. No. ABL-1-07136-2023-24, Book 1, dated 13-09-2023, Executed before Sub-Registrar Office, Attibele, Bangalore are missing/lost /misplaced. A police complaint has been lodged (Lost Report No. 1991987/2026 dated 04-01-2026). If any person, firm, company, institution, or organisation has any claim or is holding the above-mentioned document, they may contact the undersigned in writing within 15 days from the date of this notice. Failing which, it will be presumed that there are no claims or objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the Western portion of Plot No 181, carved out of Sy No 95/2, 'Surya Residency', totally measuring 1879.75 Square Feet situated at Kithganahalli Village, Attibele, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru 562106. East by Remaining portion of same Plot No 181, West by: Plot No 182, North by 12 Meters Road, South by Property of Thimma Reddy.

Shettar SS, Advocate,
JP Nagar, Bangalore 560078;
M 9448678767

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **M/s. T-SQUARE HOMES REP. BY Mr. TENNISON JEBA ANANTHAM & Mr. THIRUMAL. N** are intending to purchase the schedule property from **Mr. Vijayasarathy Vadarevu Venkata S/o Dr.V.S.Ramachandra Rao;** person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before 7 days from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **Site No. 110,** House List Katha No.262/2, measuring East to West on the Northern side 64.5 feet, on the Southern side 64 feet, and North to South 40 feet, in all measuring **2570 Sq. feet,** and bounded on: East by: Private Layout, West by :30 feet Road, North by: Site No. 109, South by: Site No.111 & **Site No.111,** House List Katha No.262/2, measuring East to West on the Northern side 63.10 feet, on the Southern side 63 feet, and North to South 40 feet, in all measuring **2522 Sq. feet** and bounded on East by : Private Layout, West by :30 feet Road, North by :Site No.110, South by: Site No.112, both sites carved out of Sy No.262/2 situated at **Geddalahalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk.**

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my clients **Smt.Anitha.S** W/o Sri.J.Guruprasad, aged about 43 years, Sri.J.Guruprasad s/o Late Sri.Jambunath, aged about 45 years, Both are Residing at Karishma Crystal, Flat No.101, 1st Floor, BEML Layout, 5th Stage, Near Davanagere Benne Dose, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560098 owned by my client in respect of schedule property as mentioned as below:
All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.68, Sy.No.85 Khata No.131, Situated at 1st Main, 7th Cross, Manjunatha Nagara Slum earlier Bagalagunte Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet totally measuring 1200 Sq.feet My client has lost the original documents on 27.01.2026 as mentioned as below

1. Self-Declaration deed executed by Smt. Lakshmidevamma and Registered as Doc.No.RJN-1-00149-2021-22, stored in Cd.No.RJND881 on 05.04.2021.
2. Cancellation of Gift deed executed by Smt. Lakshmidevamma in favor of Sri. Channabasappa and Registered as Doc.No.DSP-1-06941-2016-17, stored in Cd.No.DSPD237 on 30.01.2017
3. Release deed executed by Sri. Channabasappa, Sri.Nagaraju and Smt.Usha in favor of Smt. Lakshmidevamma and Registered as Doc.No.DSP-1-06942-2016-17, stored in Cd.No.DSPD237 on 30.01.2017
4. Discharge deed executed by Fullertopn India Home Finance Company Limited in favor of Smt.Lakshmidevamma and Registered as Doc.No.MDL-1-00779-2022-23, stored in Cd.No.MDLD1059 on 11.05.2022.
5. Rectification of Sale deed executed by Smt.Lakshmidevamma in favor of Smt. Anitha.S and Sri.J.Guruprasad and Registered as Doc.No.MDL-1-01907-2023-24, stored in Cd.No.MDLD1351 on 11.05.2022

If any of the general public has found the said documents shall be handed over the same within 7 days from the date of publication to the below mentioned address.

G.N.VISHWANATH,
Advocates and legal consultants,
No.36, MKS Arcade, office No.1, Ground Floor,
Ganganagar, Bangalore -560 032
Contact No: 9901914663

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that, our client viz., **MRS. SUSAN CHANDY** w/o Mr. Chandy Vellore Philip, during transit, had lost the Original deed of General Power of Attorney dated 29.03.2017 executed by her in favour of her husband Mr. Chandy Vellore Philip with respect to Flat No. No. C11-7126 on the Twelfth floor of the building "Sobha Ebony" situated at Hosahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District.
Our client has already lodged the Police Complaint on 27.01.2026 bearing Lost Report No. 2028778/2026 in the jurisdictional Police Station. Any person/s having found the said original General Power of Attorney or claiming any manner of right, title & interest over the above said Property may intimate the same in writing to the under signed along with documentary evidence in support of their claim **within 15 days** from the date of this publication, failing which, it will be presumed that the said original General Power of Attorney is lost.
Dated this 28th day of January 2026 at Bangalore

M/s. LEGAL NEXUS
Advocates and Consultants
No. 428, First Floor, 24th Main, 25th Cross
HSR Layout, Sector 2, Bangalore – 560102
Mobile: 9945688974; 9164150690

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client **Mr. BIJU MATHEW,** Aged about 53 years, Son of Late P.V. Mathew, Residing at No. M-9, Grace Villa, 11th cross, Oil Mill Road, Ayyappa Temple Street, Aravinda Nagar, St. Thomas Town, Bangalore-560084, Aadhar No. 387475675110, intends to purchase the Schedule property mentioned herein below owned by **Mr. KEVIN MARRIO PEREIRA,** Aged about 36 Years, Son of Mr. Mathew Maurice Pereira, Residing at No.26, 7th Cross, Kanakanagar, R.T Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032, Now Residing at Vaxjovagen 105 Alhmult, send Greetings, **PASSPORT No. V7743102 and PAN CTTPP2493J.** Any person/s having objection/s or claims with respect to sale of the said Property may with the documentary evidence lodge their objections/claims within **15 (Fifteen) days** from this Notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the immovable Residential Property bearing Site No. 60, **Epid No. 2293805472,** House List Katha No. 370/311 BBMP Khatha at Sl. No. 1889, Property No. 370/311-60, Situated at 4th Main between 1st and 2nd Cross Athmavidyanagar, Byrathi Village, Bidarahall Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 54, Hoodi Ward, measuring East to West: 43 feet North to south: 60 Feet totally measuring 2580 Square Feet and bounded on: East by: House Site No. 53, West by: Road, North by: House Site No. 59, South by: House Site No. 2.

Date: 27.01.2026
Bengaluru

Sd/-
VOLGA C.P. BAL, LL.B
ADVOCATE ,
AV LEGAL ASSOCIATES,
Office No. 163/3, Tatavamasi, 2nd cross
Sonnappa layout, Hennur, Kalayanagar
Bengaluru-560043.
Mob: 9379191448, 9036368898

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **SMT. MUNINAGAPPA UMA,** daughter of Late Sri.Muninagappa, residing at No.212, 3rd Cross, Ist Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru 560 034 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my father's name has been wrongly mentioned as **"MUNISWAMAPPA"** in my PAN Card. I state that the correct name of my father is **"MUNINAGAPPA".**
Henceforth, for all purposes, my father's name shall be known as **"MUNINAGAPPA"** and not as **"MUNISWAMAPPA".**
This declaration is made to correct my father's name in my PAN Card.
MUNINAGAPPA UMA

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General public that, our client **Mr. P. NANDA KUMAR,** son of late T. Narayanan, residing at No.43, Krishnappa Layout, Sanjay Nagar, R.M.V. Extension, Bangalore -560 094, is the joint owner in possession, occupation and enjoyment of all that piece and parcel of immovable property being land with building constructed on Plot No.307, formed by The HMT Employees Co-operative House Building Society Limited, situated at HMT Private Layout formerly Visveshwaraiah Nagar (Gangenahalli) Extension, Old Corporation Division No.46, Now BBMP Ward No.21 – Hebbal, Bangalore, East to West 9.14 meters; North to South 15.29 meters; having acquired by Sri. T. Narayanan, under allotment by The HMT Employees Co-operative House Building Society Limited, as per **(i)** Sale Agreement 20.12.1974, in favour of Sri. T. Narayanan, which is registered as No.4076 of 1974-75, **(ii)** Sale Deed dated 15.10.1976 executed by the HMT House Building Society in favour of Sri. T. Narayanan, which is registered as No.1084 of 1976-77, both registered in the office of the sub-registrar, Gandhinagar, Bangalore and **(iii)** Possession Certificate dated 10.02.1978, as issued in the name of Sri. T. Narayanan.
However, the original the Sale agreement dated 20.12.1974, Sale deed dated 15.10.1976 and Possession Certificate dated 10.02.1978 pertaining to above said property standing in the name of my clients father Sri. T. Narayanan is lost/ misplaced from ourclient custody, all his efforts to trace the said cover went futile and a police complaint is lodgedfor loss of document. Hence, I request that general public who ever have got in possession and/or finder of the above documents, may deliver the document to the address mentioned hereunder within **TEN DAYS** from the date of receipt of this publication.
Notice is hereby given that no person/s should do any legal transaction in respect of the said property without consent of our client. General public are restrained from transacting above said property, failing compliance thereof, such of those person/s doing any transaction is doing at his/her/their own costs, risks and for that our client will not be liable/responsible. At the same any transaction done by any person in respect of above said property, the said transaction will not be binding on our client.

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S.M. ANEES AHAMED
Advocates
No.4 (10/2), G. Floor, West Park Road,
Kumara Park East, Bangalore-560 002,
saanlawassociates@gmail.com
M : 98450 08707
Place: Bangalore Date: 27/01/2026

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II, AT BENGALURU
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore - 560 001
O.A. No.1569/2019
Between: Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., Having its Office at : #27, BKC, C 27, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra Mumbai- 400051 and having among others an Office at 4th Floor, "Kotak House" No. 22, Bengaluru - 560 011, Rep by its Deputy Manager and Board Resolution Holder Mr. Hemanth Kumar E., **....Applicant**
And
1) M/s. Srihari Traders and Another **...Defendants**

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 BY PAPER PUBLICATION

To, D-1: 1) M/s. Srihari Traders , Represented by its Partners, Rame Gowda Shopping Complex, Shop No. 5, Ground Floor, Hallimane Subramanyapura, Bangalore - 560 061, PAN No.ACXFS475K, Phone No. 080-42063735,
D-2: 2. Mrs. Gargi Srirama, W/o. Mr. Vishwanath Venkat Ramani, Aged about 46 years, Partner, M/s. Srihari Traders, Rame Gowda Shopping Complex, Shop No. 5, Ground Floor, Hallimane Subrama nya pura, Bangalore - 560 061, PAN No.DUVPS9746H, Mob No. 7259287623. Also at : NH1, 504, Shri Rama Surabhi Apartment, Kumaran School Road, Opp. KSIT College, Malasandra Vajarahalli, Bangalore - 560 062.
Whereas, the Applicant Bank has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against the Defendant for the recovery of sum of **Rs.21,41,163.16** (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Forty One Thousand One Hundred Sixty Three and Paise Sixteen Only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs.
The above mentioned defendant is therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an advocate, in support of his defense to show cause on **27.02.2026 at 10:30 a.m.** (forenoon) as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on 20.01.2026.

By order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore

Bank of Baroda
बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda
Basaveshwaranagar Branch
No 119/18, 80 Feet Road, KHB Colony, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru- 560079.
Tel: 080-23201561, E-mail: VJBASA@bankofbaroda.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8(1)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of **Bank of Baroda, Basaveshwaranagar Branch** under the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sec.13(2)read with Rule-3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued Demand Notices calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned against their names with further interest/cost etc within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice.
The below mentioned borrowers/guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said rules on below mentioned dates
The borrowers/guarantors and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **Bank of Baroda, Basaveshwaranagar Branch** Bangalore for amounts mentioned below with further interest accrued thereon and cost.

1. Name of the Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor :1) Mr Nagendra Gaur, Flat No-B003, B' Block, Ground Floor, "Garudadri Springs" Apartment, Yelachenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru 560078. **2) Mr Nagendra Gaur,** Flat No-B004, 'B' Block, Ground Floor, "Garudadri Springs" Apartment, Yelachenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru 560078. **3) Mr Nagendra Gaur,** Post Mahagupur Dhahar, Hathipur, Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh 223223. **4) Mr Nagendra Gaur,** U-34/48, Front Side, 3rd Floor, Sector 24, Gurugram 122010, Haryana. **5) Mr Nagendra Gaur,** 480, 481, 1st Floor, Tower 1, GDC, Udhyog Vihar, Phase-3, Gurugram, Haryana
(Account No's: 74690600004551, 74690600004658, 74690600004562, 74690600004659),
Demand Notice date:10.10.2025 (Paper publication dated 20.11.2025)
Possession Taken date : 23.01.2026
Outstanding Loan amount:Rs 1,80,27,677/- (Rupees One Crore Eighty Lakhs Twenty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Seven Only) plus interest thereon along with cost, charges and expenses thereon.
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: **PROPERTY NO - 1**
SCHEDULE "À" PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property Khaneshumari No. 169, House list No.26, 27 & 28, Khatha No.240, 243 & 241 (Old No.472) situated at Yelachenahalli village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. Presently comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP, and bounded on the: East by: Road,West by: Private Layout, North by: Private Property, South by: Layout of Jayanagar Co-operative Society, Measuring East to West: 100 feet, and North to South 182 feet, totally measuring 18,200 Sq.ft.
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of Flat bearing No. B-003 in Ground Floor, B Block, having Three Bed Room, having 1494 Sq.ft., of super built up are in an apartment known GARUDADRI SPRINGS along with 379 Sq.ft., of undivided share in Schedule 'A' Property and along with 2m Car Parking Space.East by: Lift and Flat No B 002, West by: Area Open to Sky, North by: Common Corridor & Flat B 004, South by: Area Open to Sky
PROPERTY NO - 2 :
SCHEDULE "À" PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property Khaneshumari No. 169, House list No.26, 27 & 28, Khatha No.240, 243 & 241 (Old No.472) situated at Yelachenahalli village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. Presently comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP, and bounded on the: East by: Road, West by: Private Layout, North by: Private Property,South by: Layout of Jayanagar Co-operative Society, Measuring East to West: 100 feet, and North to South 182 feet, totally measuring 18,200 Sq.ft.
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of Flat bearing No. B-004 in Ground Floor, B Block, having Two Bed Room, having 1242 Sq.ft., of super built up are in an apartment known GARUDADRI SPRINGS along with 379 Sq.ft., of undivided share in Schedule 'A' Property and along with 1 Car Parking Space. East by: Common Corridor, West by: Area Open to Sky, North by: Area Open to Sky,South by: Flat No B-003,

2. Name of the Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor : 1) Mr T Daniel Francis, No 18, 2nd Cross Dobbespet, Vasanthnagar, Bangalore North PO, Bangalore GPO, Dist Bengaluru, Karnataka 560001. **2) Mr T Daniel Francis,** No 47, Cantonment Railway Quarters, Benson Town, Bengaluru 560046, Karnataka. **3) Mr T Daniel Francis,** GF 001, Ground Floor, "Sri Sai Kamal Nivas", Deepika Layout, Jayanagar Housing Society Layout, Subramanyapura, Gubbalalu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore 560061, Karnataka
(Account No's: 74690600004975, 74690600004976),
Demand Notice date:10.10.2025 (Paper publication dated 20.11.2025)
Possession Taken date : 23.01.2026
Outstanding Loan amount: Rs 98,28,274/- (Rupees Ninety Eight Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Four Only) plus interest thereon along with cost.
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: **SCHEDULE "À" : (Description of Land on Which Schedule C Property is Constructed):** All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable Property bearing Nos.9, 10, 23 & 24, formed in Sy. No.58/5A, duly converted by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, vide Order Conversion No.BDIS.ALN.SR(S)288/03-04, dt: 15-11-2003, V.P. Khatha No. 690, situated at GUBBALALU VILLAGE, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently within the limits of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.184, Uttarahalli Sub-Division, Bangalore and the site measuring East to West: Northern side:86-0 feet, Southern side:86.6 feet and North to South: 60-0 feet and totally measuring 5190 Sq. ft., and bounded on the: East by: 30 feet Road,West by: 30 feet Road, North by: Site No.8 & 25, South by Site No.11 & 22.
SCHEDULE 'B' - Description of undivided share: 773 Square feet of undivided share right, title, interest, claims whatsoever in the land of the Schedule-A Property.
SCHEDULE 'C': (Description of the Apartment) : All that piece and parcel of the residential Apartment bearing **Flat No.GF-001, 2 BHK, having BBMP Khatha No.1446/GF-001/747/9, 10, 23, 24 in the Ground Floor** of the apartment building known as **"SRI SAI KAMAL NIVAS", having super built up area of 1260 Sq. ft. & One Car Parking,** with Vitrified tiles flooring, with all civic amenities and with right to use common areas, entrances, staircases, passages, corridors, etc., provided in the Schedule 'A' Property and New E Swattu PID No 8845435080 and bounded on the: East by: Flat No GF 003, West by: 40 Feet Road,North by: Flat No GF 002,South by: Vacant Plot (Private Property)

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 23.01.2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda,
Basaveshwaranagar Branch

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2 AT BANGALORE
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560 001
Case No: O.A.No. 110/2025
Between: HDFC Bank Ltd. ...Applicant
:And:
Smt. Saranya Ashok J & Others ...Defendants

To, Smt. Saranya Ashok. J W/o. Sri. Ashok Kumar. M.B, Aged About 44 Years, # G-403, Purva High Lands Office Kanakapura Main Road, Mallasandra, Bengaluru - 560 062.
Also at: Smt. Saranya Ashok. J W/o. Sri. Ashok Kumar. M.B, Aged About 44 Years, Maangalya Prosper Signature Block, 1-Subvention Flat-J, 802, 8th Floor, Block Jade S No.57/4, Anjanapura Village, 3rd Block, Uttarahalli Hobli, J.P. Nagar, 9th Phase, Bengaluru South Taluk - 560 050.
2. Sri. Ashok Kumar. M.B, S/o. Sri. Balasubramaniam, Aged About 50 Years #G-402, Purva High Lands, Off Kanakapura Main Road, Mallasandra. Bengaluru - 560 062.
Also at: Sri. Ashok Kumar. M.B S/o. Sri. Balasubramaniam, Aged About 50 Years, Enphase Solar Energy Pvt. Ltd., 3rd Floor, Indiqube, Leela Garnedia, 23, Old Airport Road, Kodihalli, Bengaluru - 560 008.
And Also at: Sri. Ashok Kumar. M.B S/o. Sri. Balasubramaniam, Aged About 50 Years, Maangalya Prosper Signature Block, Block-1, Subvention Flat-J, 802, 8th Floor, Block, Jade S No.57/4, Anjanapura Village, 3rd Block, Uttarahalli Hobli, J.P. Nagar, 9th Phase, Bengaluru South Taluk - 560 050.
3. M/S. Maangalya Constructions Flat # F1, Redtree Classic, 7th B Main Road, 9th Cross, Narayan Nagar, 3rd Block, Doddakallasandra Post, Bangalore - 560 062.

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (Viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS: the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions, Act, 1993, against the above defendants for the recovery of sum of Rs.79,26,736/- (Rupees Seventy Nine Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand & Seven Hundred Thirty Six Only) amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.
The above mentioned defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on **27-02-2026 at 10:30 a.m.** as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this day of 12-11-2025.

BY THE ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
Sd/- REGISTRAR-2
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2
BANGALORE

WORKS DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, EASTERN CIRCLE (R&B), BALASORE,
e-mail: - seec_bls@rediffmail.com
Government of Odisha "e" Procurement Notice
Bid Identification No. CCEEC- 17/2025-26
B-995 **No: 367 Dt: 17.01.2026**

Nature of work :- **Road Works**
Number of works :- **5 Nos. Road**
Amount put to Tender :- **Rs. 149.89 lakh to Rs. 557.07 lakh**
Class of Contractor :- **"B" & "A" Class.**
Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal :- **Dt. 29.01.2026 at 10:00 AM**
Last Date / Time of receipt of bid in the portal :- **Dt. 12.02-2026 up to 05:00 PM**
Date of opening of bid :- **Dt. 13.02.2026 at 11:00 AM**
Name & address of the Office inviting bid :- **Chief Construction Engineer, Eastern Circle (R&B), Balasore**
The bidders have to participate in **ONLINE** bidding only. Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement portal **"http//tendersodisha.gov.in."** All future corrigendum will be available on ONLINE mode only.

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer,
Eastern Circle (R&B) Balasore

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೊಳಗೇರಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, 1ನೇ ವಿಭಾಗ, ನಂ.55, ನೆಲಮಹಡಿ, ಅಭಯ ಸಂಕೀರ್ಣ ಭವನ, ರಿಸಲ್ದಾರ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಶೇಷಾದ್ರಿಪುರಂ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು – 560020

No.KSDB/EE/No1.div/S.T/PB/IFT-01/2025-26 **Dated:-21.01.2026**

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೊಳಗೇರಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ **Supply of Non-AC and AC Vehicles along with Drivers on monthly Hire Basis for KSDB** ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ, ಸದರಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂಬರ್ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

01. KSDB/2025-26/SE0020
1. Last date & time for receipt of tenders: 20.02.2026 upto 4:00 PM.
2. Date & Time for opening of Bid: 23.02.2026 at 11.00 AM.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, 1ನೇ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೊಳಗೇರಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಥವಾ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು
ಕ.ಕೊ.ಅ.ಮ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು
ಡಿಐಪಿಆರ್/ಸಿಪಿ/5228/ಸಿಎಲ್/2025–26

कार्यालय नगर परिषद भिवाडी (खैरथल-तिजारा) राज.
Tel. No.- 01493 294977 E-mail ID- bhiwadi.nagarpalika@gmail.com
क्रमांकः–न.प.भि/2025–26/6446 दिनांकः– 22.01.2026

ई–निविदा सूचना संख्या 51/2025–26

नगर परिषद भिवाड़ी सीमा क्षेत्र के समस्त वार्डों में "नगर परिषद भिवाड़ी में वार्ड 1 से 60 तक के सभी क्षेत्रों में घर–घर कचरा संग्रहण और सभी व्यावसायिक प्रतिष्ठानों से कचरा संग्रहण कार्य हेतु रजिस्टर्ड संस्था/कम्पनी/फर्म से ई–टेंडरिंग के माध्यम से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा फार्म आनलाईन वेबसाईट **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड व **http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** पर डाउनलोड किये जा सकते है।

S. No.	Particulars	Detail
1	Name of Work	नगर परिषद भिवाड़ी में वार्ड 1 से 60 तक के सभी क्षेत्रों में घर–घर कचरा संग्रहण और सभी व्यावसायिक प्रतिष्ठानों से कचरा संग्रहण कार्य
2	Estimate Project Cost	01 works Total 3.04 Cr.
3	Earnest money (EMD) 2%	2% (608000/-)
4	Cost of tender document (non-refundable) In favor of Commissioner Municipal Council Bhiwadi Payable at Bhiwadi	5000 Each
5	RISL Processing Fees (non-refundable) In favor of MD RISL Payable at Jaipur.	2500 Each (MD RISL Payable E -Grass Challan Portal)
6	Tender Publication on official web site http;//eproc.rajasthan.gov.in & http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in	22.01.2026 & Time 05.00 PM
7	Tender download start date	22.01.2026 & Time 05.10 PM
8	Bid Submission start date & Time	22.01.2026 & Time 05.20 PM
9	Bid Submission End date & Time	11.02.2026 & Time 10.00 AM
10	Technical bid opening date & Time	11.02.2026 & Time 11.00 AM
11	Pre-Bid meeting date & Time	04.02.2026 & Time 10.00 AM
12	UBN NO. -	DLB2526SLRC31722

निविदादाताओं को प्रोसेसिंग फीस E-Grass Portal पर 56–Local Bodies Department के मद (8658–00–102–16–01–RISL FEES) में जरिये चालान जमा करानी होगी एवं निविदा शुल्क व अमानत राशि ऑनलाईन नगर परिषद भिवाडी के A/C NO. 4447340637, IFSC Code-KKBK0000275 BRANCH- BHIWADI पर Submission Date and Time से पूर्व जमा करवाकर उससे प्राप्त होने वाली रसीद को स्कैन करके **www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** पर अपलोड करना होगा। निकाय के अन्य किसी भी खाते में राशि स्वीकार नही की जावेगी। अन्यथा आपकी बिड़ को खोलने पर विचार नहीं किया जावेगा। निविदा से सम्बन्धित समस्त विवरण वेबसाईट **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** तथा **sppp.raj.nic.in** पर देखा जा सकता है।

राज.संवाद/सी/25/18512
आयुक्त, नगर परिषद, भिवाड़ी

MAHATRANSCO
Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) (LOCAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING)

SRM e-Tender No. T-2604/MSETCL/CO/Projects/Pre-Tender (RFx No. 6000001465) (2nd Call)
MSETCL invites offers by SRM e-tendering in TWO bid system (Techno-Commercial Bid and Price Bid) from the eligible registered bidders for the following work as detailed below.
"Establishment of 132/33kV Sawana Substation alongwith 132kV DCDC line from 220kV Malegaon Substation to Sawana Substation (Route Length - 35.122kms) Dist. Hingoli under Chh. Sambhajinagar Zone, MSETCL, Maharashtra."
Interested bidders may obtain further information available on the website **https://srmetender.mahatransco.in**
The date of downloading of Bid documents available on the website is from 23.01.2026.

Chief Engineer (Projects), MSETCL

Can Fin Homes Ltd
Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: CANARA BANK)
Kanakapura Road Branch
No. 58, 6th cross,Manjunathnagara, Raghuvanahalli, Bangalore 560 062
Phone : 080-29751565/7625079172
e-mail Id: kanakapura@canfinhomes.com
CIN: L85110KA1987PLC008699

APPENDIX IV-A
[proviso to rule 9(1)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Kanakapura Road Branch, will be sold by holding auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **17-02-2026,** for recovery of **Rs. 18,35,000/-** (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Thirty Five Thousand only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Mrs. Aishwarya K., and Mr. Abhilasha A.** and **(Guarantor) Mr. Prajwal R** as on 27.01.2026 together with further interest and other charges thereon.
The reserve price will be **Rs. 14,96,000/-** (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.1,49,600/-** (Rupees One Lakh Forty Nine thousand Six Hundred only)

Description of the Immovable Property:-
All the piece and parcel of the northern portion of property bearing house list No.158 , Katha No .25 , Kodigehalli Village Gramathana Sy No.50/3, 50/4 & Old Sy No . 50/1 , New Sy No .108 ,Site measuring East to west : (35+33)/2 Feet and North to South :25-00 Feet , in all measuring 850 Sq.ft Situated at Kodigenahalli Village , Yeshwanthpura Hobli Bangalore North Taluk Bangalore-560091, Boundaries: East By :Site No 151 , West By :Road , North By :Road , South By :Remaining property of same house list No.158
ENCUMBRANCE :- NIL

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Fans shouldn't go to WC in the US: former FIFA boss

Former FIFA president **Sepp Blatter** suggested he supports fans boycotting World Cup matches in the United States this year due to security concerns. Blatter gave his support to comments from lawyer Mark Pieth, who worked with FIFA on potential reforms when Blatter was boss, saying fans should stay away from the USA for World Cup.

Customised bats, facing spinners first: How Dhoni is preparing for IPL

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

HE might have retired from all formats for India long back but carries the same weight whenever he steps onto the field even if it's once in a year for Indian Premier League. With the league scheduled to begin in less than two months' time, former India and Chennai Super Kings (CSK) skipper MS Dhoni has put any speculation of his retirement to rest as he started training at the JSCA Sports Complex in his hometown Ranchi. Like the previous year, he has acquired a few customised bats from Sareen Sports Industries (SS).

"Dhoni does gym at the JSCA whenever he is in Ranchi. Now, he has started batting in the nets since last week," former India cricketer Shahbaz Nadeem, who is also the joint secretary of the Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA), told this daily. Dhoni faced spinners in the nets to begin with and gradually started playing against pacers as well. "We have constructed a transparent indoor net facility adjacent to Oval B Ground at the complex. It has three turf wickets — one made of black soil while the remaining two are made of mixed soils. Dhoni trains there between 12-12:30 PM to 2-2:30 PM," added Nadeem.

Jatin Sareen, chief executive officer of Sareen Sports Industries, confirmed that they have supplied a few SS bats to Dhoni.

MS Dhoni during practice at the JSCA Sports Complex in Ranchi | JSCA

"Yes, a few bats as per his specifications have been sent to Dhoni," he said. Dhoni reduced the weight of his bat by a few grams ahead of the 2025 IPL. He is expected to go with the same bats this season as well. "Same bats (weighing 1230 grams) have been ordered," added Sareen.

Meanwhile, Nadeem speaking on the transparent nets said the structure was erected soon after they took over the JSCA following the elections in May last year. "Other centres have indoor nets but with synthetic wickets. As a player I always felt the need to have a natural turf wicket indoor as well. Bowling on the astro-turf makes bowlers prone to injuries. Similarly batting there is also different. We have used transparent material to build the indoor facility as it allows sunlight.

The space was lying vacant there and we decided to use it. Importantly, a pacer can bowl with his full run-up in the nets at the indoor nets here," informed Nadeem. The former India left-arm orthodox spinner also informed that a red soil pitch will also be prepared there and soil for the same will be brought from Mumbai. CSK finished last the previous season among the 10 teams with only four wins from 14 league matches. Dhoni might be hoping for a turnaround this year especially with him not getting any younger and every edition being speculated as his last.

LOCKIE RETURNS

After a challenging 2025 due to injuries, New Zealand pacer Lockie Ferguson returned to the New Zealand set-up ahead of the fourth T20I at Vizag. He last played for New Zealand in November 2024, the speedster had been out of action due to calf injury. Then came a hamstring injury in ILT20, which led to him missing the Champions Trophy, reports Gomesh S

Story: newindianexpress.com

(It has been a) challenging 2025 for sure. At the same time, I still want to get better. I still want to perform on the world stage. I think being in a World Cup picture is nice

— Lockie Ferguson

LOW RETURNS KEEP SAMSON IN SPOTLIGHT

India's primary wicket-keeper and opening batter is facing the heat

GOMESH S @ Visakhapatnam

IT was a little past 5 PM on a warm Tuesday evening in Visakhapatnam. India bowling coach Morne Morkel had just finished his media duties. Out on the field at the ACA-VDCA Stadium, Shreyas Iyer had already hit the nets. Then came Sanju Samson, padded up, walking alongside batting coach Sitanshu Kotak. Samson went near the nets where Iyer was batting and was seen having a detailed discussion with head coach Gautam Gambhir. After a few minutes, they walked over to the other side of the pitch, where Samson took guard under the watchful eyes of Gambhir, who would stand near the stumps for the entirety of his batting stint. With good reason.

Coming into the fourth T20I against New Zealand, the focus has been on Samson's string of low scores in the series — 10, 6, 0 it reads. After being picked ahead Shubman Gill, captain in two of the three formats, for this series as well as the T20 World Cup, there was bound to be some pressure on him. But it's fair to say he has not yet lit up the series. And what has added pressure is that the Ishan Kishan, coming into the team because of the injury to Tilak Varma, has grabbed his opportunity with both hands, especially a violent 23-ball 76 in Raipur in the second game. Samson, meanwhile, chipped Kyle Jamieson to short mid-wicket in the first match. He, then, went too early into a shot, trying to loft Matt Henry and ended up mistiming it to mid-on. In the third match, he was undone by a beautiful outswinger from Henry. Such was his struggle against high-quality pacers that former coach and commentator WV Raman took to social media to say this: "Samson will be inconsistent as long as he doesn't adjust the speed of his bat on the downswing in relation to the pace of the ball. In simple terms, one can't drive a car at the same speed all the time, everywhere."

Even when Samson looks good, the lack of scores regularly has cast a shadow over his place. One look at his numbers tell the story. Since 2024, Samson has 470 runs in 17 innings as T20I opener at 29.37 average and 178.7 strike rate. In a dynamic and long batting line-up such as India's, that does seem good. However, of the 470 runs, 327 came in three innings when he scored hundreds against Bangladesh and South Africa (2) in 2024.

It means, in the remaining 14 innings, he has 143 runs to show at 10.21 average, including four ducks and four single digit scores. Which is why, with every passing failure, pressure seems to be mounting on Samson, at least from the outside. Morkel, however, felt Samson was one good innings away from hitting the ground running. "We all know the cliche word, (but) for us building up to the World Cup, it's important for the guys to find that peak performance at the right time," said Morkel.

True to the bowling coach's words, Samson was teeing off against the Indian spinners in the nets, hitting them between cover and mid-wicket. He batted for about 30 minutes before coming back for a second stint. By 7.30 PM, the DJ at the ground had started blasting Bollywood music, dew had come on the field, and Iyer had batted for close to 90 minutes across either net.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

BATTER'S LAST THREE YEARS

Year	M	R	AVG	SR	100	50
2024	13	436	43.6	180.16	3	1
2025	15	222	20.18	126.85	0	1
2026	3	16	5.33	123.07	0	0

Morkel's take

Samson's training well, he's hitting the ball very well, I think it's a matter of time for him to get scores on board, says bowling coach

PIC: G SATYANARAYANA

SANJU AS T20I OPENER since 2024

17 matches

470 runs

29.37 avg

178.7 SR

Can NZ get a morale booster?

With the series lost, Black Caps look for some form before the T20 WC. A look...

WILL SHREYAS PLAY?

With Shreyas Iyer included in the remaining two games of the series, it will be interesting to see if he gets a game before the series comes to an end. Tilak Varma is still in line to come back for the T20 WC but with Ishan Kishan getting some runs in the series, it may be Iyer's turn.

ALLEN, NEESHAM BOOST

Finn Allen and Jimmy Neesham have joined the squad after respective BBL and BPL stints. Their addition comes as a morale boost for the visitors who are searching for their first win in series

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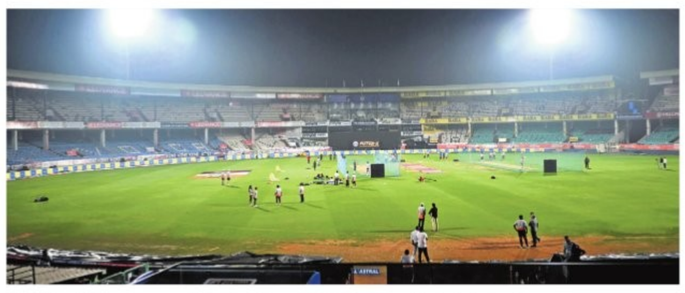
Ninth international in four months — Vizag's new tale

GOMESH S @ Visakhapatnam



The Visakhapatnam cricket stadium. BELOW: Sana Satish Babu | G SATYANARAYANA

FROM the moment one enters the ACA-VDCA Stadium on a humid evening, it is impossible to miss the buzz. The Indian men's team is at the venue ahead of the fourth T20I against New Zealand, with some of their super fans cheering them on from the newly inaugurated Mithali Raj Stand. On the right, just next to the home dressing room, is the Ravi Kalpana Gate, named after former India and Andhra keeper-batter. In the backdrop are the lush green Kambalakonda Wildlife Sanctuary and Simhachalam Hill Range. When the hosts take to the field on Wednesday evening, it will be the ninth international match the venue is hosting in four months. Welcome to Visakhapatnam, a new cricketing hub.

Established in 2003, the stadium has undergone multiple renovations over the years and has been hosting matches per the rotational policy of the BCCI. However, the key moment came before last year's Indian Premier League (IPL) when Andhra Cricket Association spent close to ₹40 crore to put in place 34 boxes, 250 toilets and enhanced fire safety measures. They also put in place four lifts capable of accommodating 16 people in each of them in one go.

Delhi Capitals played their first two matches at the venue and were impressed with the facilities. So were the BCCI. "We started renovating the whole hospitality area, including dressing rooms of the players, and more facilities. Once IPL happened, the BCCI and other officials saw the stadium. They were impressed," ACA secretary Sana Satish Babu tells this daily.

Since then, the venue has hosted five Women's World Cup matches, two India-Sri Lanka women's T20Is and an India-South Africa men's ODI. The Indian women's team have had multiple camps at the venue. This is on point for a city wooing major tech giants.

On the cricketing front, ACA is focused on developing infrastructure. They aim to create one ground in each of the 13 districts with nets and dressing rooms. Former New Zealand coach Gary Stead was brought on board for the Ranji team, while Mithali was named mentor for the women's team. "Myself and the president (Kesineni Sivanath, who is a Lok Sabha MP) are in political positions. We want the association to be run in a professional manner. We want to bring in professionals to run the cricket," says Satish Babu, who is a Rajya Sabha MP.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Stubbs' SA20 final knock big boost ahead of WC

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

A MONTH or so ago, South Africa's explosive middle-order batter Tristan Stubbs has had a terrible lean patch when he was struggling to score runs. In the lead up to his first game in fourth edition of SA20 he was captain of the Sunrisers Eastern Cape, the team which he has been in since Day 1.

A week into the tournament, he gets the news of his omission from the South Africa's T20 World Cup squad. His 2025 in the T20 format was a mixed bag. After a breakout year 2024, where he scored 1219 runs in the format, the 25-year-old only managed to score 749 runs the following year. His match-winning knock (63 n.o) for SEC against Pretoria Capitals in the SA20 final on Sunday may help him turn his fortunes ahead of a big year. He couldn't have asked for a better timing to get back into form — days before the T20 World Cup in India. And for the records, he has got a late call-up as injury replacement for Donovan Ferreira. Stubbs' knock in the final, would come as a pleasant surprise for the national team selectors. SA20 commissioner and former Proteas skipper Graeme Smith was filled with joy, when asked to recall Stubbs' knock.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

WPL: Mooney fifty lifts GG

AGENCIES @ Vadodara

DELHI Capitals' left-arm spinner Shree Charani picked up 4 for 31 but Beth Mooney's half-century lifted Gujarat Giants to a competitive 174 for 9 in a Women's Premier League match here on Tuesday. Sent in to bat, veteran Australian keeper-batter Mooney struck a measured 58 off 46 balls, while Anushka Sharma made 39 off 25 deliveries.

GG lost Sophie Devine (13) early before skipper Mooney and Sharma (39 off 25) stitched 54 runs for the second wicket to give some momentum to the innings. GG skipper Ashleigh Gardner (2) disappointed once again, while Georgia Wareham (11) tried to force her way but failed. Bharati Fulmali was cleaned up by Chinelle Henry, inside edging one to her stumps with GG slumping to 131 for 5 in 15.4 overs. Towards the end, Tanuja Kanwar (21 off 11) used the long handle to great effect. Henry returned with figures of 2/38 from her four overs. **Brief scores:** GG 174/9 in 20 ovs (B Mooney 58; Shree Charani 4/31) vs DC.

High-stakes week

The expanded Champions League's final matchday sees a staggering 18 matches kicking off at the same time. With lots of big teams still fighting to seal a place in the next stage, a look at a couple of big encounters...

NAPOLI VS CHELSEA

This is the first big test for young coach Liam Rosenior. A positive result in Italy will go a long way in ensuring he enjoys a good start. But they have not been consistent in Europe with two losses in seven games. The Italians need a win as they are outside the top 24. This has the makings of a classic.

6 BOTH ERLING HAALAND AND OSIMHEN HAVE SCORED SIX GOALS IN THIS CAMPAIGN SO FAR

MATCHES (ALL AT 1.30 AM ON THURSDAY)

Athletic vs Sporting, Liverpool vs Qarabag, Barcelona vs Copenhagen, Monaco vs Juventus, Ajax vs Olympiakos, PSG vs Newcastle, Dortmund vs Inter, Napoli vs Chelsea, Eintracht Frankfurt vs Tottenham, Atletico vs Bodo/Glimt, Leverkusen vs Villarreal, Arsenal vs Kairat, Man City vs Galatasaray, Patos vs Slavia Praha, Club Brugge vs Marseille, Benfica vs Real, PSV vs Bayern, USG vs Atalanta

LIVE ON SONY SPORTS NETWORK

MAN CITY VS GALATASARAY

Two teams who know even a win may not guarantee them a spot in the last 16. City are assured of a place in the play-off but the Turkish side know only a win would do. The English giants have not been themselves in Europe so this isn't going to be an easy game, especially with the likes of Victor Osimhen to contend with.

SCOTS HOPEFUL OF TIMELY INDIAN VISAS

ENS/AGENCIES

CRICKET Scotland chief executive Trudy Lindblade is confident that players of the national team, including Pakistan-origin pacer Safyaan Sharif, will get visas in time to travel to India for the T20 World Cup. Scotland were included into the T20 World Cup following Bangladesh's withdrawal citing security concerns despite the ICC insisting that there were no threats as per their assessment. Scotland will open their campaign against West Indies in Kolkata on February 7. Pakistan origin applicants of India visa attract more scrutiny and therefore taking more processing time. "We are all committed (to) working with the ICC to make that happen."

India favourites says Dravid

BENGALURU: Rahul Dravid has said that India would be the favourites to retain the T20 World Cup. "India are playing T20 cricket at a different level than most teams," the former coach said at an event celebrating 'The Rise of Hitman', by author and journalist R Kaushik. "They have had an 80% success rate in the last few years."

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Alcaraz vs Zverev, Sabalenka to face Svitolina

AGENCIES @ Melbourne

CARLOS Alcaraz warned he was improving all the time as he swept into his maiden Australian Open semifinal on Tuesday and a clash with Alexander Zverev, while Ukraine's Elina Svitolina faces Aryna Sabalenka in the last four.

Spanish World No. 1 Alcaraz silenced a partisan Melbourne crowd in brushing aside home hope Alex de Minaur 7-5, 6-2, 6-1 at Rod Laver Arena. The 22-year-old Alcaraz is yet to drop a set as he arrows in on a first Australian Open crown.

"I'm just really happy how I'm playing every match, each round my level is increasing," he said, in a warning to his rivals. "Today I felt really comfortable, playing great tennis that I am really proud of," added Alcaraz, who had never previously gone beyond the quarterfinals in Australia in four previous visits. The Australian Open is the only Grand Slam that Alcaraz has not won. Should he beat Zverev and then win Sunday's final, he would surpass compatriot and legend Rafael Nadal as the youngest man to win all four majors.

Carlos Alcaraz reached his first Australian Open semifinals | AFP

Nadal was 24 when he did it.

In a statement of his own, Zverev said he was playing without pain for the first time in 12 months after last year's runner-up blasted past young American Learner Tien.

Zverev sent down 24 aces in a 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-1, 7-6 (3) victory.

Coco Gauff folded in 59 error-strewn minutes as Svitolina set up a semifinal against Sabalenka. Sabalenka tamed 18-year-old American Iva Jovic 6-3, 6-0 in 38C temperatures on Rod Laver Arena. In the evening, with the roof on, 12th seed Svitolina stunned third seed Gauff 6-1, 6-2. **Results (QFs) Men:** Alexander Zverev bt Learner Tien 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-1, 7-6 (3), Carlos Alcaraz bt Alex De Minaur 7-5, 6-2, 6-1. Women: Aryna Sabalenka bt Iva Jovic 6-3, 6-0, Elina Svitolina bt Coco Gauff 6-1, 6-2.

EXPRESS READ

India, Pakistan set for big clash at U-19 WC

BULAWAYO: INDIA breezed past Zimbabwe by 204 runs to set up a key final Super Six clash against Pakistan in the Under-19 World Cup. Vihaan Malhotra's unbeaten 109 lifted the colts to 352/8 and the hosts folded for 148. They are ideally placed to qualify for the semifinals as they have won all three of their matches in the next phase. They can even afford to lose to Pakistan and still qualify provided the margin is close thanks to their superior NRR (3.33 compared to Pakistan's 1.48). England, like India, also have a spotless record. The India vs Pakistan encounter is set for Sunday.

DID YOU KNOW?

DARPA launched the world's first operational quantum network in 2003, advancing quantum computing and secure communications. In 2012, Vancouver-based 1Qbit became the first company dedicated solely to quantum computing

PLAYING GOD BIT BY BIT

TAMREEN SULTANA

QUANTUM computing does not begin with faster machines or smarter algorithms. It begins with a deeper unease — the idea that calculation may not always rest on certainty, and that physical systems governed by probability rather than determinism can still be harnessed to compute reliably.

For decades, such questions belonged largely to theoretical physics, where scientists grappled with a universe that refused to behave intuitively. Today, those same questions underpin a technological field that is slowly shifting from abstraction to engineering ambition. Quantum computing emerges not out of convenience, but from physics' long confrontation with the limits of classical assumptions about determinism and locality.

To grasp why quantum computing feels so unfamiliar, physicists argue that one must first come to terms with quantum physics itself. "Quantum physics explores the subatomic realm — a domain beyond direct human perception and everyday intuition," says Dr MS Ramkarthik, a theoretical physicist and faculty member at VNIT Nagpur who has worked on quantum computers for over a decade. "Unlike classical physics, which explains phenomena we can observe and relate to, quantum physics is governed by abstract principles that often run counter to common sense."

At the quantum scale, particles can exist in multiple possible states, lack definite properties until measured, and remain correlated across distances. These ideas were debated for decades until experiments ruled out local hidden-variable explanations of reality — work recognised by the 2022 Nobel Prize in Physics awarded to John Clauser, Alain Aspect and Anton Zeilinger. Quantum computing begins where these debates end: by treating quantum behaviour not as a paradox to be resolved, but as a resource to be used.

From bits to quantum bits

Classical computers process information using bits that exist strictly as 0 or 1. Quantum computers replace bits with quantum bits, or qubits, which obey the laws of quantum mechanics. Dr Ramkarthik and Dr Haritha Lakkaraju, Professor of Physics at Telangana University, explain that this distinction is fundamental.

"A quantum computer works using principles such as superposition and entanglement," Dr Lakkaraju says. "While classical bits are either 0 or 1, quantum bits can exist in states that combine both possibilities until measured."

On its own, superposition allows a qubit to occupy a range of possible states. However, this does not mean a single qubit yields more usable information than a classical bit. The real computational advantage arises only when multiple qubits are entangled and manipulated together within carefully designed algorithms.

This collective behaviour allows quantum computers to explore certain problem spaces more efficiently than classical machines, making them suited to a narrow but important class of computational tasks.

Physicists are careful to note what quantum computers are not. "They are not intended to replace classical supercomputers," says Dr P Hima Bindu, professor of Physics at Osmania University. Classical systems remain better suited for general-purpose tasks such as weather modelling, large-scale data processing and most artificial intelligence workloads.

Why entanglement matters?

Quantum entanglement lies at the heart of quantum computing, enabling qubits to act as a single system rather than independent units.

This collective behaviour produces exponential state growth, allowing quantum parallelism and algorithms that outperform classical methods. Entanglement also enables secure quantum communication, where eavesdropping can be detected through physical disturbance. However, it is extremely fragile, with environmental noise causing decoherence and demanding ultra-low temperatures, isolation and advanced error-correction.

A technology still in its infancy

Despite growing attention, quantum computing remains an early-stage technology. "Today's quantum computers are primarily accessed through cloud platforms and used for research and early industrial experimentation," says Dr Lakkaraju. "They operate with limited numbers of qubits and are highly sensitive to noise."

Recent advances include superconducting and trapped-ion qubits, progress in quantum error correction, and experimental demonstrations of secure quantum communication. Yet major technical hurdles persist.

Quantum computing sits between theory and machinery, harnessing probability, fragility and patience to build systems that compute in a matter of seconds on a cosmic scale at sub-atomic level

"Quantum computing research in India is currently in an expansion phase, driven by the National Quantum Mission launched in 2023 with an outlay of ₹6,003.65 crore for the period 2023–2031," says Dr Bindu. "The aim is to position India among the leading quantum nations by developing 50 to 1,000 physical-qubit systems over the next eight years."

However, researchers caution that formidable challenges remain, including decoherence, the complexity of error correction, extreme cooling requirements, high engineering costs and the difficulty of scaling systems to thousands of qubits.

Some physicists argue the field is oversold. A theoretical physicist, speaking on condition of anonymity, said: "Quantum computation is often presented as a near-term solution to problems it cannot yet address."

Scalability remains the central obstacle. Estimates suggest that fault-tolerant, practically useful quantum computers would require hundreds of thousands to millions of physical qubits. As systems grow larger, maintaining coherence and controlling errors becomes increasingly difficult.

As a result, current machines are best understood as experimental platforms, rather than tools ready for real-world deployment.

Engineering reality

Quantum computing, researchers emphasise, is not a sudden technological rupture but the slow outcome of nearly a century of inquiry into the nature of reality. As Dr Jaffino Stargen, a theoretical physicist who pursued postdoctoral research at MIT, put it, "Quantum computing did not emerge overnight. It is the product of almost two centuries of scientific thought."

IN LIMBO?

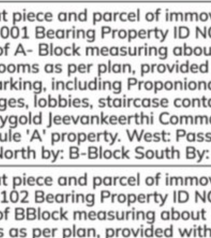
Schrödinger's cat: Alive, dead, or misunderstood?

TAMREEN SULTANA

ERWIN Schrödinger's cat is probably the most famous animal in science and definitely the most misunderstood.

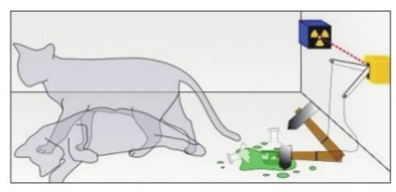
In 1935, Schrödinger proposed the cat thought experiment not to celebrate quantum weirdness, but to criticise it. The setup is simple and deliberately absurd: a cat is placed in a sealed box with a radioactive atom, a Geiger counter, and poison. If the atom decays, the poison is released and the cat dies. If it doesn't, the cat lives. Quantum mechanics says that before observation, the atom exists in a superposition of decayed and not decayed states. By extension, the cat is described as both alive and dead at the same time. Here is how Schrödinger himself put it, in the English translation by John D Trimmer:

"One can even set up quite ridiculous cases. A cat is penned up in a steel chamber... If one has left this entire system to itself for an hour, one would say that the cat still lives if meanwhile no atom has decayed. The first atomic decay would have poisoned it. The [quantum wavefunction] of the entire system would express this by having in it the living and dead cat (pardon the expression) mixed or smeared out in equal parts." Schrödinger's point was not that cats can exist in ghostly half-states, but that applying quantum rules blindly to everyday objects leads to nonsense. He wanted to expose the measurement problem: when does a quantum system stop being a probability cloud and become a definite outcome?



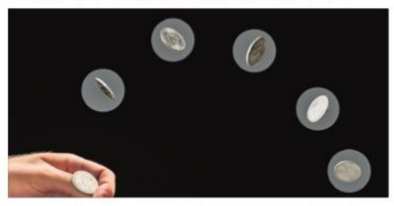
The cat highlights a question still unresolved—what exactly counts as an "observer"? A human, a detector, or mere interaction with the environment?

Although only a thought experiment, Schrödinger's cat was destined to join Pavlov's dog in science's bestiary of the bizarre. It survived because it asks a deeply human question: when we choose to look, are we discovering reality or creating it?



UP IN THE AIR

THE COIN FLIP, A QUANTUM EXPERIMENT



A coin toss sounds simple — heads or tails. But try flipping a coin over the Internet with someone you don't trust, and things get messy. That problem sits at the heart of quantum coin flipping, a quirky but serious idea from quantum cryptography. In classical systems, one party can always cheat if they're clever or powerful enough. Quantum coin flipping changes the rules by using quantum bits instead of messages. Because measuring a quantum state irreversibly changes it, neither player can secretly peek, copy, or rig the outcome without leaving traces. The goal is for two distrustful players to agree on a truly random bit, with neither able to bias the result beyond a strict limit. That limit — called bias — can never be zero, but quantum protocols can make cheating dramatically harder than classical ones, even against all-powerful adversaries. In short, quantum coin flipping turns distrust into a feature, not a bug

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PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to Rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable asset(s)

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mrs. Dipanjali Dass (Borrower) PIU Dass (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006912239 LBBNG00006946410	All that piece and parcel of immovable Residential Apartment bearing Flat No. A-001 Bearing Property ID NO: 150300201901020357 in the Ground Floor of A- Block measuring about 1045 sq. ft. or 97.2 sq.mt containing 2 Bed Rooms as per plan, provided with Vitrified flooring, together with one Car Parking, including Proponionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase contained in the Multi storied building known as "Skygold Jeevankeerthi Commanders Aeroview constructed on the Schedule 'A' property. West: Passage and Flat No. A011 East by: Drive Way North by: B-Block South By: Flat No. A002	Rs. 73,91,912/- (as on December 23, 2025)	Rs. 40,00, 000/- / Rs. 4,00, 000/-	February 03, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	February 17, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
2.	Mrs. Roshni Sharma (Borrower) Shishu Pal Sharma (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006968719 LBBNG00006972121	All that piece and parcel of immovable Residential Apartment bearing Flat No. B-102 Bearing Property ID NO: 150300201901020420 in the FIRST Floor of BBlock measuring about 1006 sq. ft. or 93 sq.mt containing 2 Bed Rooms as per plan, provided with Vitrified flooring, together with one Car Parking, including Proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase contained in the Multi storied building known as "Skygold Jeevankeerthi Commanders Aeroview constructed on the Schedule 'A' property. West: Passage and Flat No.B-107 East by:Set Back Area & Drive Way North by :B 101 & Staircase South By :Flat No.B-103	Rs. 73,66,128/- (as on January 20, 2026)	Rs. 37,00, 000/- / Rs. 3,70, 000/-	February 03, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	February 17, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
3.	Mrs. Shruti Singh (Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006885586 LBBNG00006906589	All that piece and parcel of immovable Residential APARTMENT No.A-204 on Second Floor of the building of Skygold Jeevankeerthi Commanders Aeroview". Having e-khatha No.150300201901021338 apartment measuring 1040 sqft super built-up area One covered car park and bounded on: East by :Setback area & Driveway, West by : Passage & A-209 North by : A-203 South by : A-205	Rs. 66,31,452/ (as on December 23, 2025)	Rs. 36,00, 000/- / Rs. 3,60, 000/-	February 03, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	February 17, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
4.	Mr. Sunil Kumar (Borrower) Anjali Samantra (Co - Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006861702 LBBNG00006926121	All that piece and parcel of immovable Residential Apartment bearing Flat No. A-301 Bearing Property ID NO: 150300201901020390 in the Third Floor of A-Block measuring about 1045 sq. ft. or 97.2 sq.mt containing 2 Bed Rooms as per plan, provided with Vitrified flooring together with one Car Parking, including Proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase contained in the Multi storied building known as "Skygold Jeevankeerthi Commanders Aeroview constructed on the Schedule A property. West: Passage and Flat No.A311 East by: Drive Way North by: B Block South By: Flat No. A302	Rs. 75,95,903/ - (as on January 20, 2026)	Rs. 35,00, 000/- / Rs. 3,50, 000/-	February 03, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	February 17, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
5.	Avin Anghotra (Borrower) Bimal Anghotra (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006788477 LBBNG00006790601	All that piece and parcel of immovable Residential Apartment No.B-503 on Fifth Floor of the building of "Skygold Jeevankeerthi Commanders Aeroview" Having e-khatha No.150300201901021354 apartment measuring 1006 sqft super built-up area One covered car park and bounded on: East by : Setback and driveway, West by : Passage and Flat No.B-506, North by : Flat No. B-502, South by : Staircase and Flat No. B-504.	Rs. 64,54,962/- (as on January 20, 2026)	Rs. 35,00, 000/- / Rs.3,50, 000/-	February 03, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	February 17, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
6.	Avin Anghotra (Borrower) Bimal Anghotra (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006788487 LBBNG00006790608	All that piece and parcel of immovable Residential Apartment No.B-504 on Fifth Floor of the building of Skygold Jeevankeerthi Commanders Aeroview" Having e-khatha No.150300201901021355 apartment measuring 1010 sqft super built-up area One covered car park and bounded on: East by : Setback and drive way West by : Passage B-505, North by : Staircase and B-503, South by : Setback and drive way	Rs. 65,51,273/- (as on January 20, 2026)	Rs. 35,00, 000/- / Rs. 3,50, 000/-	February 03, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	February 17, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
7.	Mr. Rishi Gupta (Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006992937	All that piece and parcel of immovable Residential Flat bearing No.A-404 on Fourth Floor measuring 1040 Sq. Ft. of Super Built-up area having Khatha No.150300201901021325, along with One Covered Car Parking Space earmarked for that purpose in the Stilt Floor of the multistoried residential building known as "Skygold Jeevankeerthi Commanders Aeroview", constructed in the property described in the Schedule 'A' Property with right to pass through all the common passages, leading to the Main Road and free of ingress and egress at all times and entitled for all the common areas, amenities and bounded on the: East by : Set Back and Driveway, West by : Passage and Lift Area, North by : Flat No. A-403, South by : Flat No. A-405.	Rs. 71,24,812 /- (as on January 21, 2026)	Rs. 39,00, 000/- / Rs.3,90, 000/-	February 03, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	February 17, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
8.	Mr. Shejir Peringattuthodiyil (Borrower) Shajahas P T (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006858918	All that piece and parcel of immovable Residential Apartment No.A-108 on First Floor of the building of Skygold Jeevankeerthi Commanders Aeroview" Having e-khatha No. 150300201901021333 apartment measuring 1053 sqft super built-up area One covered car park and bounded on: East by : Flat No.105 & Passage, West by : Set Back area & driveway, North by : Set Back Area & Flat No.109 South by : A-107 situated at Chikkasanne Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore	Rs. 73,65,486/- (as on January 20, 2026)	Rs. 39,00, 000/- / Rs. 3,90, 000/-	February 03, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	February 17, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
9.	Mr. Shejir Peringattuthodiyil (Borrower) Shajahas P T (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006858893	All that piece and parcel of immovable Residential Apartment A-102 on First Floor of the building of Skygold Jeevankeerthi Commanders Aeroview" Having e-khatha No.150300201901021332 apartment measuring 1040 sqft super built-up area One covered car park and bounded on: East by : Setback area & Driveway, West by : A-110 & Passage, North by: Flat No. A-101 South by: Flat No. A-103 107 situated at Chikkasanne Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore	Rs. 71,33,911/- (as on January 20, 2026).	Rs. 39,50, 000/- / Rs.3,95, 000/-	February 03, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	February 17, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
10.	Mr. Shejir Peringattuthodiyil (Borrower) Shajahas P T (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006858888	All that piece and parcel of immovable Residential Apartment No.A-204 on Second Floor of the building of Skygold Jeevankeerthi Commanders Aeroview". Having e-khatha No.150300201901021338 apartment measuring 1040 sqft super built-up area One covered car park and bounded on: East by :Setback area & Driveway, West by : Passage & A-209 North by : A-203 South by : A-205 : Flat No. A-103 107 situated at Chikkasanne Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk,Bangalore	Rs. 72,66,270/- (as on January 20, 2026)	Rs. 39,00, 000/- / Rs.3,90, 000/-	February 03, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	February 17, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
11.	Mr. Farhanaz Khan (Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006682069/ LBBNG00006754030	All that piece and parcel of immovable Residential APARTMENT No.A-501 on Fifth Floor of the building of Skygold Jeevankeerthi Commanders Aeroview". Having e-khatha No.150300201901021308 apartment measuring 1045 sqft super built-up area One covered car park and bounded on: East by : Setback area & Driveway, West by : A-511 & Passage, North by South by : Setback area & B Block : Flat No. A-502 situated at Chikkasanne Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore	Rs. 69,23,937/- (as on January 20, 2026)	Rs. 40,00, 000/- / Rs.4,00, 000 /-	February 03, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	February 17, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
12.	Mr. Rohan Jerome Dsouza (Borrower) Jyothi M Crasta (Co-Borrower)Loan Account Number TBBNG00006753792 LBBNG00006755985	All that piece and parcel of immovable Residential Apartment No.B-302 on Third Floor of the building of Skygold Jeevankeerthi Commanders Aeroview". Having e-khatha No.150300201901021348 apartment measuring 1006 sqft super built-up area One covered car park and bounded on: East by : Set back area & drive way, West by North by South by : Passage & Flat No.B-307: Stair case & Flat No B-301, : Flat No.B-303 situated at Chikkasanne Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore	Rs. 63,80,005/- (as on January 20, 2026)	Rs. 38,00, 000/- / Rs. 3,80, 000/-	February 03, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	February 17, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

The online auction will be conducted on the website https://assets.matexauctions.com of our auction agency M/s Matex Technologies Limited The Mortgagors/ Noticees are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by February 16, 2026 before 04:00 P.M. else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.

The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 on or before February 16, 2026 by 05:00 P.M. Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before February 16, 2026 by 05:00 P.M. along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 on or before February 16, 2026 by 05:00 P.M. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at Bangalore.

For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 7304918084.

Please note that the Marketing agencies 1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited, 2. Augeo Assets Management Private Limited 3. Matex Net Pvt. Ltd. 4. Finvin Estate Deal Technologies Pvt Ltd 5. Girnarsoft Pvt Ltd 6. Hecta Prop Tech Pvt Ltd 7. Arca Emart Pvt Ltd 8. Novel Asset Service Pvt Ltd 9. Nobroker Technologies Solutions Pvt Ltd have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date : January 28, 2026
Place: Bengaluru

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2 AT BANGALORE
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560 001
Case No: O.A.No. 654/2025
Between: HDFC Bank Ltd. ...Applicant
:And:
Sri. Manish Kumar Sharma
...Defendants
To, Sri. Manish Kumar Sharma
S/o. Sri. Sharma Ramakant, Aged About 37 Years, No. 44/2, 5th Main, Ganganagar Extension, 5th Main, 8th Cross, Ganganagar, Bengaluru - 560 032.
Also At: Sri. Manish Kumar Sharma S/o. Sri. Sharma Ramakant, Aged About 37 Years, Sharma Furniture's and Decorators, No. 44/1, 5th, 8th Cross, R T Nagar, Bangalore - 560 032.
And also at: Sri. Manish Kumar Sharma S/o. Sri. Sharma Ramakant, Aged About 37 Years, Flat No.1104, Floor 11th, VDB Azure, Sy.No.136, Gunjur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk - 560 081.

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (Viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS: the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions, Act, 1993, against the above defendants for the recovery of sum of Rs. 41,26,538/- (Rupees Forty One Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand & Five Hundred Thirty Eight Only) amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on **02-04-2026 at 10:30 a.m.** as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this day of 28-11-2025.

BY THE ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
Sd/- REGISTRAR-2
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2
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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for 15 days Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic Possession which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India (secured Creditor) will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is"** and **"whatever there is"** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union bank of India from the below mentioned Borrowers and Guarantors. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

Branch: Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore North, Name and Address of The Borrower(s) / Co Applicant (s) / Mortgagor (s): 1). M/s P L Groups. Rep by Its proprietor Mr.M Darshan Gowda, H.No.23, Deepa, 9th Main, Shambavi Dance School Road, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bengaluru-560 060. **2). Mr.M Darshan Gowda**, H.No.23, Deepa, 9th Main, Shambavi Dance School Road, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bengaluru-560 060. Also at: # 111, 3rd Cross, Pramod Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Nayandahalli PO, Bangalore 560039. **3). Mr.Sunil Kumar V**, S/o Varadaraju M, No.67,7thCross,Azad Nagar, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018. **4) Ms.Shashikala R K**, W/o B Ramakrishna, No.61/62, 7th main, Nagendra Block, Near PES College, BSK 3rd Stage, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560050.
Amount due: Rs.1,07,28,699.70 (Rupees One Crore Seven Lakhs Twenty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety-nine and Paise Seventy only) as on 31.10.2025 plus applicable interest and charges

Description of Property: All that piece and parcel of residential cum commercial converted land & building bearing E katha No.152100407201000185, panchayath khatha no 150 Sy no. 704/16, " Panchalinga Darshana Sawmill" situated at Maralinganadoddi village, (Mandya – Koppa Main Road), Karagodu gram panchayath, Karagodu Hobli, Mandya taluk (District) and measuring East to West:17.373 mts North to South:78.638 mts in total measuring 1366.23 Sq mtrs belonging to Mr. M.Darshan Gowda and **bounded On: East by:** Highway and property belonging to Kunde gowda and Chikke gowda. **West by:** Land belonging to Chikke gowda and Mudde gowda. **North by:** 5 feet road and property belonging to Sidde gowda. **South by:** property belonging to Linge gowda alias Jonge gowda.
List of Encumbrances: NIL
Reserve Price: Rs. 57,00,000/- EMD: Rs. 5,70,000/- Bid Multiplier: Rs.1,00,000/-
Type of Possession: Physical Possession
Invariably, the first bid of the property/ies will be Reserve Price + one Increment. This amount will be the minimum bid amount to participate in bidding process.
NIL, However, the intending bidders should make their own independent enquiry regarding the encumbrances any pending court cases against the property, title of the property put to auction and the claims/rights/dues affecting the property, such as Electricity Bill, Water Bill, Pending CAM Charges with respect to Association, Transfer of Khata and Property Tax etc., prior to submitting their bid. Once the sale is confirmed/Auction is concluded, no request will be considered for cancellation of the sale/ refund of the sale price paid by H1 bidder, whatsoever.
It is to be Noted that a Successful bidder has to make his own arrangement for getting the E-Khatha & subsequent registration of sale certificate.
Account bearing No. 800001980050000 A/C Name: Inward RTGS IFSC Code: UBIN0580007
Contact Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru North, No. 1234, 1st Floor, 4th Main, Opp: Chandra Layout Bus Stop, Chandra Layout, Bengaluru-560040. Chief Manager Mr. Cyrill Monterio, Contact No. 9825766633

Last date of EMD submission: On or before the commencement of e-auction
Date & Time of E-auction: 13-02-2026, Friday from 12:00 Noon to 05:00PM with 10 min unlimited auto extensions

Note: (1) The intending purchaser required to register through https://baanknet.com (Buyer Registration - link provided in the home page of the website)
The amount of EMD (10%) should be paid through the Website https://baanknet.com and the balance amount of sale price should be paid through the Account Number mentioned in the Sale Notice. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided as mentioned below banks website and e-auction agent website. Digital Signature is not mandatory.

https://www.unionbankofindia.bank.in	https://baanknet.com

Date: 13.01.2026
Place: Bengaluru

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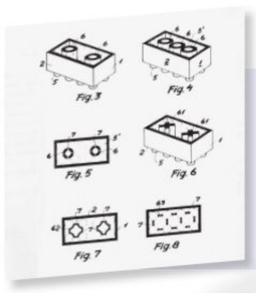


DAY'S DIARY

Lego bricks patented

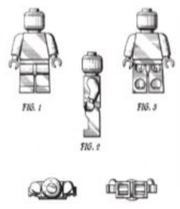
On this day in 1958, the Lego Company patented the design of its Lego bricks, still compatible with bricks produced

SYSTEM OF COMPATIBILITY

The interlocking toy system was the brainchild of Godtfred Kirk Christiansen, son of a Danish toymaker who started the company in 1932

MACHINERY USED

In 1950, they acquired a semi-automatic moulding machine with pneumatic injection built by Messrs JørgenBruun, which ran until 1982



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In 1979, Christiansen received a design patent for the Lego character, known simply as a "toy figure", complete with movable arms and legs

Events happening in & around B'luru

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'I OWED IT TO THE TEAM'

ANJALI RAM

A usually-reserved **Rahul Dravid** made his way to the familiar grounds of the M Chinnaswamy Stadium, this time though for a conversation on cricket, particulary Rohit Sharma. Incidentally, the event comes a couple of days after the announcement of Sharma being conferred with the prestigious Padma Shri 2026.

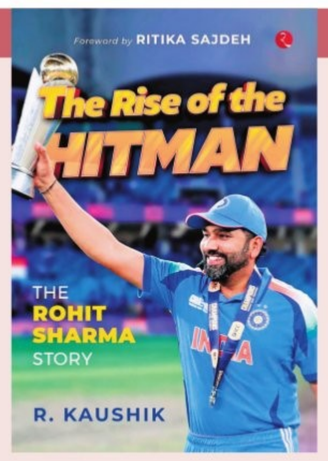
Celebrating the moment and a book on Sharma titled *The Rise of the Hitman* (published by Rupa; ₹595), Dravid and R Kaushik, sports journalist and the author of the book, indulged in a two-hour long conversation, sharing fond memories and anecdotes of the rise of the former India cricket captain. "As a coach you learn that you should never coach like you would play yourself," said Dravid, the India head coach during the 2023 World Cup, which the team lost after a winning streak. Speaking about the initial phase, he said, "Working with an astute cricketer like Rohit was easy because he recognised that the game was changing. In some ways, there was a feeling that we were behind and needed to push the envelope," he added. Recalling the last five overs of the final, Dravid felt they showed the captain's true ability, "In some ways they encapsulated Sharma's whole journey. He showed tactical clarity, calmness and camaraderie. Everyone got behind him, and that's why the team fought till the very last ball."

The 222-page book chronicles Sharma's rise from a passionate youngster to one of Indian cricket's star player. For Dravid, Sharma's potential in captaincy was a given. "Rohit was the vice-captain in some formats and was around the group for a really long time as a senior player. One of the challenges that a player faces when he/she goes from being a senior player in a team to becoming a captain, is that they have to start making decisions about people. It's a lot easier to be one of the boys, to be able to be a shoulder to cry on, because there you're not a final decision maker."

On a personal note, Dravid opened up about the bonds forged along the journey, going beyond victories and failures, which led to him continuing to coach the India team after the heartbreaking loss. "Going through the whole experience of the (2023) World Cup felt like I owed it to the team to do it one more time and keep the boys together."

However, with the heavily-criticised US leg of T20 World Cup in 2024, an event meant to showcase the game to new audiences in the US, turned out to be 'terrible'. "It was supposed to be an advertisement for cricket in the US, but it didn't go as planned amid logistical issues and unfamiliar conditions," Dravid said. While preparation and planning were crucial, there are moments when the outcome of a game hinges on a fine margin. Speaking about Surya Kumar Yadav's match-turning catch in the 2024 final, he added, "Sometimes you need a little bit of luck. You put in the work, you practise a thousand times, but the game is often decided by inches and destiny." Beyond all of that, Dravid believes in the collective nature of success. "There's so much work that goes on behind the scenes from support staff, physios, trainers – people who may never get the limelight. Victories like these mean a lot to them and their families," he shared.

Stepping back a moment to look at the larger picture of Indian cricket right now, Dravid notices a change in the game, particularly in T20 cricket. "India is playing T20 cricket at a different level than anyone else. In a format like this, it's the easiest to have upsets. But India has something like an 80 per cent success rate in terms of games won, and that's phenomenal." Still, he cautioned that tournaments are decided by moments, stating "You might start as favourites, but it comes down to two good games."



Rohit Sharma and Rahul Dravid share a light moment during a training session in 2024 | PTI

Former cricketer and team India coach Rahul Dravid reflects on his bond with Rohit Sharma – who was recently conferred with the Padma award – during a conversation that chronicled Sharma's journey from his early days to his current status as a legendary player

> *Sometimes you need a little bit of luck. You put in the work, you practise a thousand times, but the game is often decided by inches and destiny* – Rahul Dravid

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BEPUBLISHED EVERYWEDNESDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress @gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'**. Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*.

1. November 26 every year is celebrated as Constitution Day or Samvidhan Divas in India commemorating the adoption of the Constitution in 1949, which officially came into effect on January 26, 1950. Bengaluru has a prominent traffic junction named after the constitution as 'Constitution Circle'. It is the first and perhaps the only traffic junction in India to be named after the Indian Constitution. Which busy area in the city is the traffic circle located: Yeswanthpur or Vijayanagar?

2. Bengaluru has an iconic road named after Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar as 'Ambedkar Veedhi'. The road houses two heritage landmarks facing each other on either sides, one being the British structure Attara Kacheri (today houses the Karnataka High Court) built in 1868; the other being an imposing structure with exquisite Dravidian architecture built in 1956. Name this iconic building.

3. Bengaluru has a cultural auditorium, too, named after Ambedkar as 'Ambedkar Bhavan' located on a prominent road near Cantonment railway station. Apparently, the auditorium was built on an erstwhile lake-bed. Name the lake which was once a prominent water source for the Cantonment area in the city: Millers Tank or Sankey Tank.

CITY READ

Organisation marks 10 years of child care

CAPAAR Child Care Centre celebrated its 10th anniversary with an event titled 'A Decade of Dedication', commemorating service in child development, rehabilitation, and holistic healthcare. The occasion also served as a professional knowledge platform, bringing together eminent physiotherapists, clinicians, and child development specialists from across the country. The anniversary celebrations featured expert panel discussions and academic deliberations by senior physiotherapists and allied health professionals. Key sessions focused on speech and language therapy, autism spectrum disorders, oro-motor rehabilitation, pediatric physiotherapy, and psychological well-being, emphasising the importance of early diagnosis and integrated therapeutic care.

As *Freedom at Midnight Season 2* captures national attention, actor Sidhant Gupta reflects on portraying Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, navigating political history on screen, and his journey from uncertainty to self-discovery

Becoming Nehru

INTERVIEW

RESHMI CHAKRAVORTY

AT the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom." Jawaharlal Nehru's iconic *Tryst with Destiny* speech, delivered to the Constituent Assembly at midnight on August 14–15, 1947, moved the nation then and continues to stir Indians even today. When actor Sidhant Gupta delivers this powerful address in the second season of *Freedom at Midnight*, streaming on SonyLIV, he brings to it a rare intensity that feels both raw and refined. With his commanding screen presence, chameleon-like versatility, and thoughtful choice of roles, Gupta has steadily carved a niche for himself as one of the most compelling performers of his generation.

Following standout performances in *Jubilee*, *Black Warrant*, and now *Freedom at Midnight*, he again proves his ability to disappear into complex historical and period characters. **Edited excerpts:**

Freedom at Midnight is one of the most talked-about shows right now. How was your experience playing Pt Nehru?

Wow, there were too many emotions! It was intellectual and courageous and felt like playing a game of purest intentions. I don't know how to describe the experience.

What was the most challenging part of playing Pt Nehru?

The challenge began the moment Nikkhil Advani approached me. He had seen *Jubilee* and said, "You'll make a great Nehru. The role is yours, but you only have two months." And I was like, two months to understand a man who deserves a three-to-four-year degree course! His life story is spectacular. But no one had made a story like this before. So I said, let's get into it and somehow, it worked.

Any particular moment that stayed with you?

The last speech after Mahatma Gandhi's assassination. I had skipped watching the real speech and thought it was just a written statement. After my take, sir told me, "You've just recreated history." Then he showed me the real speech. I realised the power was in the pause before the words. The pause speaks more than the words themselves. It's always in the pause that you hear the real intention.

You've played several real-life or period-inspired characters – Pt Nehru, Charles Sobhraj. Are you drawn to such roles?

It works both ways. I believe in the mystique of the universe, what's meant for you will find you. Once you discover your talent, you just want to explore more. With *Jubilee*, I created a character inspired by that era. Then I felt I must expand. I wanted to be challenged, otherwise I get bored. These characters just came along and I embraced them.

Did you always want to be an actor?

Acting truly happened when I hit rock bottom. I was transitioning from television to films. I did a cameo in a film that didn't do well, and suddenly no one was calling me. I had to decide – leave Mumbai or risk everything. I invested all my savings, went to London for a month and a half, trained with someone there; and that's where I tasted magic. That's when I found my direction.

What has been your biggest failure?

I work hard enough to not regret my choices. I take one project and make sure I deliver. Personally, for a long time, my failure was lack of direction. But once I found it, the resurrection has only been wilder.

What does a day off look like for you?

I'm a bit of a recluse. I journal, I sing, I cuddle with the love of my life. I travel.

Any books, music or podcasts you're hooked on?

I love music – it's like someone takes you into their life in three minutes. I'm a very slow reader because I emotionally live inside the book. Thirty pages in a month – that's me.

Is there a place that brings you instant peace?

There's a hill station near Jammu, my hometown. It's raw, untouched, no tourists. That place special to me. Norway has also left a deep impact on me.

As a viewer, what kind of stories do you enjoy?

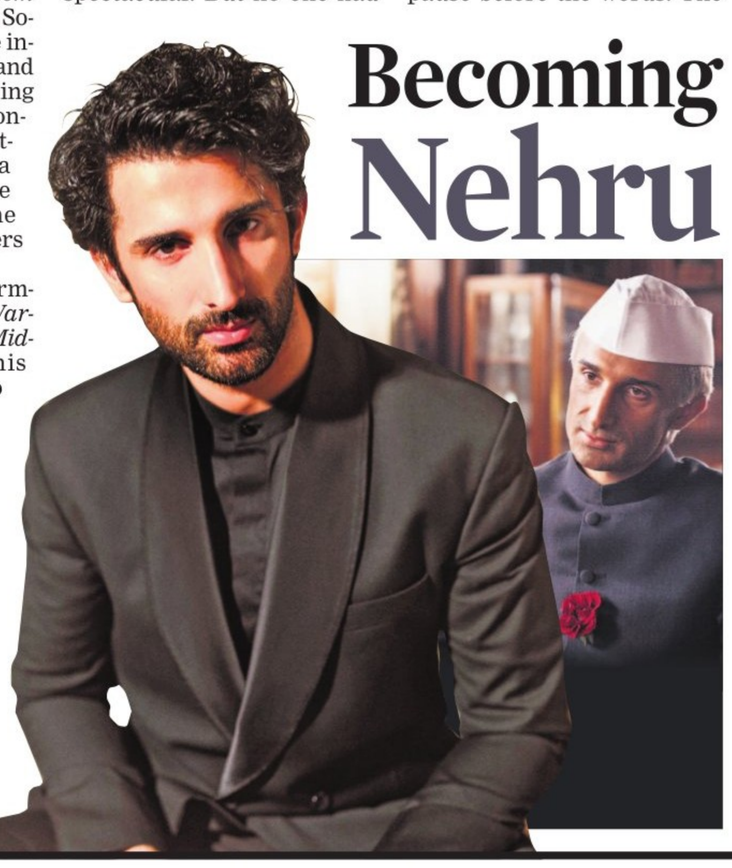
I'm a fantasy guy at heart. I love mystical worlds. I carry a bag of emotions as an actor and want to explore all of them.

You carry every outfit so well. What is fashion to you?

Fashion is a feeling. It's self-expression. It makes you feel good and that's everything.

What's coming up next?

I've just finished a project, wrapped it two days ago. It's a completely new territory and I've enjoyed it like never before.



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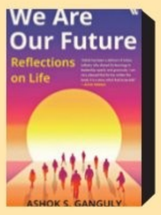
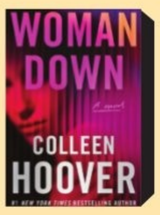


We Are Our Future: Reflections on Life
by Ashok S Ganguly

Drawing from the author's personal experience, this reflective work considers values, responsibility, and the choices that shape both individual lives and collective futures.

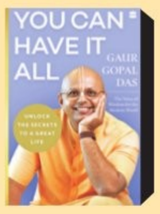


Woman Down
by Colleen Hoover

A bestselling writer retreats from public fallout into isolation, only to find her personal and professional lives colliding in unsettling ways. This thriller examines what it takes to reclaim agency when reputation and identity begin to fracture.

Your Perfect Partner Won't Be Perfect
by Sima Taparia

The tensions between expectation and reality in modern relationships, questioning compatibility, and considers how imperfection becomes a connection is explored through stories and observation.



You Can Have It All
by Gaur Gopal Das

What does balance mean when life's demands pull in opposing directions? The book traces a path toward harmony between ambition, fulfilment, and inner calm.

ALL THAT JAZZ

Danish musician Lars Moller performs a Jazz solo during Yamini 2026, held in association with Indian Music Experience Museum and Brigade Foundation, at Open Air Theatre, IIMB, Bannergatta Road | KEVIN NASHON

NOWSTREAMING

REGIONAL

SPACE GEN: CHANDRAYAAN (Hindi, series)

Indian space engineers face mounting pressure to redeem themselves following the Chandrayaan 2 lunar mission's unexpected outcome.

Cast: Shriya Saran, Danish Sait, Nakuul Mehta
- **Watch on:** JioHotstar

DHANDORAA (Telugu)

When Shivaji, a man who firmly believes in caste traditions, dies, even his own community refuses him space in their burial ground. Through his son Vishnu, village sarpanch Sitharam, and Sujatha, the film blends grief with dark humour to reveal caste conflicts, human contradictions, and a change in rural life.

Cast: Sivaji, Bindu Madhavi, Nandu Vijay Krishna
- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

FINDING HER EDGE (English, series)

Three sisters navigate the pressures of their family's figure skating legacy; Adriana, trains with new partner Brayden while still loving ex-partner Freddie; a fake romance with Brayden for sponsorship adds to her challenges.

Cast: Madelyn Keys, Nicole Volossetski, Alexandra Beaton
- **Watch on:** Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION

Netflix:	₹ 199/month
Prime Video:	₹ 299/month
Jio Cinema:	₹ 999/year
Disney+ Hotstar:	₹ 899/year
Zee5:	₹ 699/year
Viki Rakuten:	₹ 299/month
Aha:	₹ 699/year
SonyLIV:	₹ 299/month

FITBIT

VITAMIN E: HOW MUCH DO YOU REALLY NEED AND WHEN DOES MORE BECOME TOO MUCH?

Vitamin E has long enjoyed a reputation as a 'protective' nutrient, often associated with glowing skin, stronger immunity, and disease prevention. But modern nutrition science urges a more nuanced view. While vitamin E is essential, how you get it matters far more than how much you consume.

UNDERSTANDING WHAT VITAMIN E ACTUALLY DOES

- Vitamin E helps neutralise free radicals that damage cells and accelerate ageing. It also supports immune function and helps prevent abnormal blood clotting.
- Nuts, seeds, vegetable oils, spinach, bell peppers, avocado, and whole grains naturally provide vitamin E alongside other protective compounds.
- Alpha-tocopherol is the only form actively used by the human body, even though vitamin E exists in several variations.

WHEN DEFICIENCY IS RARE BUT STILL POSSIBLE

- Most people get enough without trying: A balanced diet typically meets the recommended 15 mg daily requirement for adults.
- Absorption matters more than intake: People with fat-malabsorption conditions such as celiac disease, cystic fibrosis or chronic pancreatitis may struggle to absorb vitamin E effectively.
- Warning signs are neurological: Deficiency may present as nerve damage, muscle weakness, coordination issues, vision problems, and reduced immune response.

WHY SUPPLEMENTS AREN'T A FREE PASS

- Large clinical studies have found no consistent benefit of vitamin E supplements in preventing heart disease, cancer or cognitive decline for the general population.
- Excessive supplementation has been linked to increased bleeding risk and, in some groups, a higher risk of prostate cancer.
- Vitamin E from whole foods appears safer and more effective, likely because it works alongside fibre, healthy fats and other antioxidants.

Vitamin E remains an important part of a healthy diet, but it is not a nutrient that rewards excess. For most people, a varied, plant-forward diet provides all the vitamin E the body needs, without the risks associated with high-dose supplementation. When it comes to long-term health, nourishment works best when it comes from food, not shortcuts.

By Madhura P Behki, nutrition expert, cult — a fitness and wellness platform

QUICKFIX

EASY AVOCADO TOAST

INGREDIENTS

- **Bread (sourdough or any bread):** 2 slices
- **Salt and pepper:** To taste
- **Cream cheese or hung curd:** As required
- **Avocado (ripe):** 1
- **Lemon juice:** ½ tsp

METHOD

- Toast the bread until golden and crisp. Mash the avocado in a bowl with lemon juice, salt, and pepper.
- Spread the avocado generously over the warm toast. Finish with olive oil and cream cheese as toppings.
- Serve immediately while the toast is hot and crunchy.

Contributed by **Sreedevi,** Hyderabad

EXPRESS CONNECT

HAVE A RECIPE OR ART WORK TO SHARE, OR A QUESTION TO ASK?

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Smash Therapy

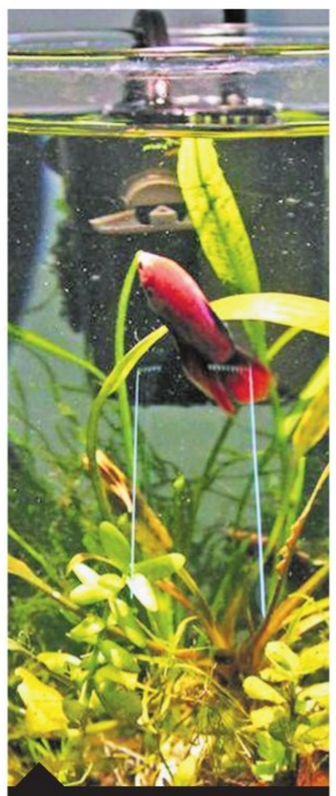
Release stress in a powerful, hands-on rage therapy session designed to help you break and heal. Smash ceramic pieces, let go of built-up frustration and experience pure emotional release as you witness broken pieces turn into beautiful art.

WHERE: Big Bean Cafe, Koramangala
WHEN: January 28, 7pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Retro Vibes

Looking for the perfect midweek music vibe with soulful Kannada and Hindi songs? Join a live jamming session where you can sing along, request your favourite tracks and feel every note. From retro melodies to energetic numbers, it's an evening full of music and memories.

WHERE: Silaa: The Garden Cafe, Malleswaram
WHEN: January 28, 6pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



Creative Greens

Step into a calming aquagardening workshop where creativity meets nature. Learn simple techniques to balance plants and water while building your own mini garden and exploring your artistic side.

WHERE: Hobby Ghar, Basavanagudi
WHEN: January 28, 5pm
CALL: 95355 55644

Past Perfect

Take your friends along and join a guided tour and explore the colonial past and significance of Cubbon Park, State Central Library, High Court and Vidhana Soudha. Take a leisurely walk through the lush green park and end the tour at the Vidhana Soudha metro station for easy onward travel.

WHERE: Cubbon Park entrance
WHEN: January 28, 2pm
DETAILS: getyourguide.com

Clay Play

Discover the joy of clay crafting in a calming, hands-on pottery session guided by experts. Learn wheel training and hand-building techniques while shaping your creativity into a piece of art.

WHERE: Thirdspace: Art Cafe and Community, Hosur Main Road
WHEN: January 28, 2pm
CALL: 97394 79209

Parsi Flavours

Indulge in the flavours of Parsi cuisine at this pop-up curated by Chef Firozi and Chef Rashna, presenting a chef-driven Table d'Hôte menu alongside select la carte offerings. The menu highlights beloved Parsi specialties such as patra ni macchi, chicken farcha, sali gosh, and the iconic dhansak served with caramelised rice. Nostalgic desserts, including lagan nu custard and bawa mawa cake complete the experience, paired with specially crafted beverages.

WHERE: Tamarind, Taj Bangalore, Gangamuthanahalli
WHEN: January 30 onwards, 12.30pm and 6.30pm
CALL: 95133 96501

ARTCORNER

DROPS OF SOLITUDE

Artist Jiji Sabu depicts rain at its most beautiful but at the same time with an element of loneliness

Rooted in the science of early childhood, Rohini Nilekani's new 'blank' book urges adults to step back, let go of anxiety and rediscover play as the foundation of lifelong learning

CLEAN SLATE

ANJALI RAM

MANY adults among us were children who couldn't wait to grow up, only to realise later that something precious was left behind along the way. That realisation often came with a question – if the early years really mattered so much, why were we in such a hurry to control them? That sense of loss, of having rushed through childhood, is the core of philanthropist and writer Rohini Nilekani's *The Playbook of Play*, a concept book consisting of blank pages that urges adults to slow down and look again at the early years they now shape for others.

"The first eight years are a biological window of opportunity. Science shows that 85 per cent of brain development happens in this period," says Nilekani. For her, this is not just a statistic but a call for attention, as she notes how India's National Education Policy reinforces this understanding by 'centralising play as the way children learn best' and by recognising 'a learning continuum from age three to eight through play.' Yet, knowing this has not made adults calmer. If anything, it has intensified anxiety, Nilekani believes. Her philanthropic works, alongside Bachpan Manao, an initiative seeded by the EkStep Foundation, also shape the book's wider ambition to make childhood life itself rather than a preparation for it.

The Playbook of Play was a result of this thought to raise awareness of the abundance of childhood and celebrate growth and learning opportunities for every child in their first eight years through joy, care and responsibility. "The book is not a guidebook in the conventional sense. I wanted to create a creative provocation – to help adults see that learning through play in these early foundational years," says the writer, who has also penned book like *Stillborn*, *Uncommon Ground* and *Hungry Little Sky Monster*.

The title itself plays as a deliberate tease or a misdirection. "Adults often seek a mastery manual to ease their worries and anxiety," she explains, adding, "But the moment you open it, you realise the surprise – play doesn't need a book."

In the current scenario of the country, she feels the book is timely, stating, "Parents and educators across India are navigating worries and pressures."Against that backdrop, the book becomes a happy reminder that they have the permission to step back and trust the instinctive, joyful language of childhood – play."

Drawing from her experience, Nilekani challenges a deep assumption society puts forward, observing the anxieties she sees around her –filled with a sense of pressure and comparison. "The book is both a response to the anxieties of caring adults, which range from fear of being left behind to fear of not being able to provide. I see it across every socio-economic and demographic background. As a mother and grandmother, my lived insight is that childhood is not preparation for life – it is life, and joy is a critical ingredient of learning to learn."

Although play has always featured in her writing for children, this book demanded a shift, as he notes, "This one is different; it is for adults – they need to feel and connect with play."

What Nilekani ultimately hopes readers take away from her book is freedom. "I want children to have the freedom to imagine, try and make mistakes, and I want adults to have the freedom to let go of anxiety." When carers value the endless why and what questions, allow for exploring by digging in the sand, nurture curiosity by finding things together and witness the falling and getting up, the essentials fall into place, she believes. "In the simplicity of it all lies the magic of childhood, and there lies the foundation for lifelong learning," Nilekani signs off.

URBAN BOURBON
Hriday Ranjan
Writer, comedian

The sad joy of fountain pens

NOSTALGIA is a tricky beast that paints even painful memories with a sheen of fondness. Look back with rose-tinted glasses, and even those Auschwitz-like assembly sessions seem memorable. Sitting high up on the list of unnecessarily romanticised objects are fountain pens. So, imagine my shock when I found out that the fountain pen is still part of a thriving, niche market in India and around the world.

As a writer, I am a veritable note-taking machine. Diaries, tear-away notepads, and Post-it notes that aren't as sticky anymore. During work hours, I take notes on my computer. *The Avengers* stand ready on notebook covers, waiting for me to conquer the world. If not the computer, then the laptop, or my iPad.

For worst-case scenarios, there is always the phone and a spare phone. In the absence of my phones, I take voice notes on my watch! I write with the frantic energy of a penguin and store like a thieving magpie. When my time on the blue planet is done, you'll only find cheap, ballpoint pens all around me. This is also the reason why I never used fountain pens after reaching a certain age. For pragmatic reasons, I choose to use ball pens that pollute the planet, instead of fountain pens that are a perennial pain in the posterior.

Our school made fountain pens compulsory because they apparently improved one's handwriting. I know not if that decision was backed by actual science, but it did cause me extreme agony. Forget making our handwriting better; fountain pens certainly taught us values like patience. Like not flinging the ink bottle after soiling your shirt. Not breaking into tears when you resembled Hulk's cousin, Royal Blue Hulk. Filling an ink bottle was one of the most excruciatingly frustrating activities of one's life. You could do anything in hiding, from the safe havens of the back benches. But if you filled ink in your pen, people would know. Your hands would be blue, like you've been caught blue-handed after assassinating an octopus. Your shirt was blue, as was the breast pocket of your shirt. True to the brand's name, you carried enough ink to quench a Camel's thirst!

Imagine my surprise when I found out that there is an active market for fountain pens. A small niche, like an extreme indulgence of an active minority. Japan is mostly holding the fort with yearly innovations. I found pens that you had to click on the top, but a fountain nib would pop out from the bottom. Pens with dip nibs that could write an entire Lokesh Kanagaraj screenplay without needing a re-dip. There were legacy companies from Italy and France, and a few Indian companies too. Unsurprisingly, our Chinese neighbours offer the thrill of legacy pens at a quarter of the price, with none of the tedious promises of repairs or service. I tried them all like a kid in a stationery store. Inks with sheen on them, flexi-nibs and converters. Pens with gold nibs, ivory caps and fountain pens made from a specific fountain in France!

Only to come to the realisation that fountain pens aren't actually meant for professional writers. For writers, a pen is a tool. Like a shovel to a gardener; where stainless steel works better than gold. Fountain pens are for those who like to note down their pristine thoughts on handmade paper (that resembles discarded textbooks by NCERT). Fountain pens have survived not despite their inconvenience, but because of it. Fountain pens are for people who have moved on to a higher realm, having embraced suffering – in four bright colours, with cartridges provided free!

(The writer's views are personal)

CELEBRATING THE OLD ANEW

HAMPI, one of Karnataka's well-known UNESCO World Heritage Sites, has had plenty of guidebooks, academic writing and photography created on it. But *City of Victory: Hampi Vijayanagara* (₹4,000, Pitor), written by eminent researchers John M Fritz and George Michell and featuring photos by architectural photographer John Gollings, is a definitive text intended for general readers and travellers, as well as scholars and students. The book, written by the duo following decades of extensive research, comprehensively maps Hampi.

City of Victory was recently launched at Venkatappa Art Gallery, with the Australian High Commissioner, Philip Green, delivering an inaugural address. An exhibition showcasing Gollings' photographs was also opened to the public.

With the event organised by The Deccan Heritage Foundation India (DHFI) and sponsored by The Australian Consulate-General, Bengaluru, Hilary McGeachy, Australia's Consul General in Bengaluru , said, "The Australian Consulate-General is proud to sponsor the *City of Victory* exhibition which showcases the history and beauty of one of India's most celebrated archaeological sites and recognised UNESCO World Heritage site, Hampi. It's a privilege to highlight the work of acclaimed Australian photographer John Gollings and renowned historian George Michell, who have been covering Hampi for over 25 years."

City of Victory was launched with Australian High Commissioner Philip Green

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I, HUSSAIN MUSTAN, aged 38 years, S/o MUSTANSIR, resident of No.11/7, Old No.7, 18th Cross, Opposite Leaf Ko, J.P.Nagar 5th Phase, Bangalore-560078, have changed my name to **HUSSAIN MUSTANSIR ZARANWALA** vide Affidavit, dated 27/01/2026, sworn to before Advocate and Notary public Lakshmaiah, Bangalore.

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VV.Army No.2778917H, Rank, HAV/clark (Retd) **N.VENUGOPAL RAO** (759456623502), Aged about 62 Years S/o K S Narayana Rao, No. 238, 1st floor, 14th Main Road, 1st phase, Gokul Extension, Near Vishveshrayah, Co-Op, Bank, Mathikere, Bengaluru - 560054, I declare that my Wife's name has been wrongly mentioned as in ARMY Documents **USHA DEVI,** but my wife correct name as per Aadhar card **USHAV RAO,** vide affidavit dated 27/1/2026 sworn to before G R Ravichandra Reddy Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHAMIR AHMED'**, aged about 45 years, S/o Sri Meera Sab Sanglikar, residing at #17/5, 4th A cross, Near Kwality Stores, Lalaji nagar, Lakkasandra Bangalore 560030 have changed my name to "**SHAMIR AHMED SANGLIKAR**" vide affidavit dated 23rd Jan 2026 sworn before Advocate & notary DEEPA M, Bangalore. **Henceforth I shall be called "SHAMIR AHMED SANGLIKAR"**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAJESH JADE** ,aged 54 years. S/o Laxmanrao Jade, residing at C301, Bren Paddington, Near Motherhood Hospital, Sarjapura Road, Bellandur Post, Bengaluru Karnataka 560 103,have changed my name from **RAJESH LAXMANRAO JADE to RAJESH JADE**, vide affidavit dated 26/01/2026 sworn before P .Nanjunda Advocate & Notary,at Bengaluru-560037.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRAKASH,** S/o. Voraram, Residing at No.14, 10th Cross, Near Indian Public School, Kanaka Nagar, R T Nagar, Bengaluru-560032, have changed my name to **PRAKASH CHOUDHARY,** Vide Affidavit Dated: 26.01.2026 before notary **SIVAKUMARA.M.N,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BABU,** father of Rakesh Gajendra Babu, aged 60 years, R/a No.4/1, Old Madras Road, Near Indiranagar Police Station, New Binnamangala, Bengaluru-560038, have changed my name to **V GAJENDRA BABU,** vide affidavit dated: 24.01.2026 before Notary **SIVAKUMARA. M.N,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHAHZAD KAUSHER,** S/o Ayub Alam, presently R/at H.No. 17/1, 2nd Floor, 3rd Cross, 7th Main, Mina Masjid Road, B.G. Road, Bengaluru-560 029 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHAHZAD KOUSHER** (old name) to **SHAHZAD KAUSHER** (new name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHAHZAD KAUSHER** (new name) for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 24th January 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MOHAMMED HUSSAIN .K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **MURUGAN GOPALAKRISHNAN** and **DHANALAKSHMI MURUGAN** both husband and wife Residing at No. 269, 13th Main, 21st Cross, HSR Layout, 7th Sector, Bengaluru-560102 hereby state that my minor daughter **DHARANI MURUGAN'S** school record her Father's name is mentioned as **MURUGAN G** instead of **MURUGAN GOPALAKRISHNAN** and Mother's name is mentioned as **DHANALAKSHMI M** instead of **DHANALAKSHMI MURUGAN.** Names have been rectified vide an affidavit dated 27-01-2026 before Notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

DECLARATION
I, IRFAN S KOTHWAL, S/o. Shabbirruddin I Kothwal, R/a, No. 99/2, 1st Cross, Anjaneya Temple Road, B Narayanapura, Bangalore North, Doorvaninagar, Bangalore-560 016 I declare that in my SSLC Marks Sheet name mentioned as **IRFAN S.** and in Aadhaar Card my name mentioned as **IRFAN S KOTHWAL** Both are one and the same identical person vide affidavit **IN-KA41418077071136Y** dated 16-01-2026 Sworn before Notary G. Rajendra, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **UMASHANKARA BOREGOWDA,** Self Employed, Date of birth: 20/07/1962, Son of Sri. BOREGOWDA, and resident of No.539, 7th Main, 9th Cross, Behind Post Office, Sadashiva Nagar, Bengaluru - 560080, have changed my name to **UMASHANKAR BOREGOWDA,** vide affidavit dated 27/01/2026, infront of Notary, K.Venkateshan, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mr. Hitesh Kumar Chandmal,** aged about 54 years, S/o. Chandmal Jhurmal Jain, residing at Flat No. 114, Sankeshwar Crystal Apartment, New High School Road, VV Puram, Bangalore-560004, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Hitesh Kumar Chandmal Goyal** to **Hitesh Kumar Chandmal** vide affidavit dated 21.01.2026, sworn to before N. Nagappa, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **UMASHANKARA BOREGOWDA** (Old Name), aged about 63 Years, Son of BOREGOWDA, Residing at NO.539, 7TH MAIN, 9TH CROSS, BEHIND POST OFFICE, SADASHIVANAGAR, BENGALURU-560080, declare that I have changed my name from **UMASHANKARA BOREGOWDA** (Old Name), to **UMASHANKAR BOREGOWDA** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **UMASHANKAR BOREGOWDA** (New Name) for all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 27/01/2026 before Notary **GANGARAJU.B.N.** at BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Army No.1162292, Ex-Hav **L KANNAN,** S/o. late. Lakshmanan, residing at #121/1, Raghavendra Nagar, Doddabommasandra, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bengaluru 560097, have changed the name of my spouse from **JAYA** to **D JAYA,** vide affidavit Dated: 24/01/2026, sworn before XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ABHILASHA**, W/o Sri Umesh, age 33 years, R/at Chikkabettahalli Village, Narayanapura Post, Kasaba Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Bangalore South District-562 117 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SOWJANYA** to **ABHILASHA**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **ABHILASHA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 24th January 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **RAVI KUMAR .V** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BINDU SURESHA** D/O **SURESHA** R/at No 23/A1 Gavi Matta Road Ooty Mysore Main Road Gowri Shankar Nagar Mysore- 570025 Camp at Bangalore have changed my name to **BINDU SURESH** vide affidavit dated: 27/1/2026 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MAHAH SADIQUE (New Name), residing at No. 103, Mantri Garden Apartment, Mountain Road, Near Madhavan Park, Byrasandra Jayanagar 1st Block, Bangalore - 560011, India, that I have changed my name from MAHAH SADIQUE SULTAN (Old Name) to MAHAH SADIQUE (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as MAHAH SADIQUE (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 27/01/2026, before Notary MOHAMMED HUSSAIN. K, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, DAISY SIMON, Aged about 57 years, D/o. M. Simon, residing at No. 21, Govindappa Road, Near Home Magic Super Market, Kammanahalli Road, Ramaswamy Palya, Maruthi Sevanagar, Bangalore - 560 033, I declare that, in my late father's JC29864 Ex Sub M Simon's service record my name is mentioned as **DAISY MARRY.** I declare that, my correct name according to the PAN Card and Aadhar Card my name is **DAISY SIMON** and the date of Birth is 28/11/1969, vide affidavit dated 27/1/2026 sworn to before M Narendran Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SPANDANA R (SPANDANA RAVI)** residing at No.1090/60, 1st Floor, 8th Main Road, 5th Cross, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560040, solemnly declare that My name is changed from **POOJASHREE RAVI** to **SPANDANA R (SPANDANA RAVI)** through vide affidavit dated 23/01/2026 sworn to before **K C SHASHIKALA** Advocate and Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHWETHA .M** D/o Mariyappa, W/o Lokesha.T Residing at Maligenahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District - 562210, Hereby solemnly declare that I have changed my name from **SHWETHA .L** to **SHWETHA .M** vide affidavit dated.26.12.2025 sworn to before Notary, **A. Narayanaswamy** Devanahalli.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRASAD GANGADHAR PATIL,** Residing at H.NO.12, SRINIDHI, RAJNAGAR, VTC-HUBLI, POST-HUBLI VIJAYANAGAR, SUB-DISTRICT HUBLI, DISTRICT-DHARWAD, KARNATAKA-580032, PRESENTLY CAMPED AT BENGALURU CITY, declare that I have changed the name of my Minor Son from **SIDDHANT PRASAD PATIL** (Old Name) to **SIDDHANT PATIL** (New Name), henceforth my Son shall be known and called as **SIDDHANT PATIL** (New Name) only for his Personal, Education, Official, Legal and for all purposes, vide Affidavit dated : 27/01/2026 before Notary **GANGARAJU.B.N.** at BENGALURU

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Army No.1330352, Ex-NK **ANANDAN PADMANABHAN,** S/o. late Anandan, residing at #98, 13th Cross, 3rd Main, Kalappa Layout, Basavanagar, Marathahalli Colony, Bengaluru 560037, have changed the name of my spouse from **K SHYLAJA** to **SHYLAJA K** vide Affidavit Dated: 24/01/2026, sworn before XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SYEDA SUMAIYA,** W/o Syed Imtiyaz and R/o No. 14, 1st Main Road, Mukaram Majsid Road, Old Gurappanapalya, BTM 1st Stage, Bengaluru-560 029 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SUMAIYA SYED IMTHIYAZ** to **SYEDA SUMAIYA**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **SYEDA SUMAIYA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 3rd January 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PRAKASHA .C** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **YASHAS NAYAKA** (old name) resident of No 6/1, Subbamma Circle, 1st Phase Sarakki ,J P Nagar Bengaluru-560078 have changed my name to **YASHAS NAYAKA RAVI SHANKAR** also known as **YASHAS NAYAKA R** (new name) vide affidavit dated: 27/1/2026 Before Notary **H.S.Sakalesh Aradhya** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SWATI JADE ,aged 49 years, W/o Rajesh Jade, residing at C301, Bren Paddington, Near Motherhood Hospital, Sarjapura Road, Bellandur Post, Bengaluru Karnataka 560 103, have changed my name from **SWATI RAJESH JADE to SWATI JADE** , vide affidavit dated 26/01/2026 sworn before P .Nanjunda Advocate &Notary,at Bengaluru-560037.

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HUMOUR IS GUARANTEED IN AMRUTHA ANJAN: JRM

The director, along with the actors Gowrav Shetty, Karthik Ruvary Reddy, Payal Chengappa, and Shree Bhavya. talk about how the fame in the short film *Amrutha Anjan* has given them the big screen experience

A SHARADHAA

IT was around the end of the pandemic when *Amrutha Anjan* became a daily dose of laughter through short films that travelled fast across phones and households, earning its team the tag of "Covid stars". Bringing the same title to theatres now may look like a natural extension. But for director JRM (Jyothirao Mohit), it is also deeply personal. "When my first film Soda Buddi did not meet the expectations of the audience, I was thinking of doing better with my second, but nobody gave me that second opportunity. So I started with short films, *Amrutha Anjan*, and I settled financially. But I always wanted to prove myself to the world by doing something big. When the short films became popular, I wanted to extend it as a cinema, and now, *Amrutha Anjan* is coming on screen."

The film, slated for release in theatres on January 30, is presented by Lokesh Nagappa, and produced by Lasya Vijay Entertainers. What began as mobile-screen comedy has now grown into a full-length family entertainer, carrying with it both expectation and emotional weight. The film brings back the familiar faces from the shorts, including Sudhakar Gowda R, Gowrav Shetty, Karthik Ruvary Reddy, Payal Chengappa, Shree Bhavya and Pallavi Parva. While the intent to make the audience laugh remains unchanged, the experience has definitely evolved. "The idea is simple and honest: make people laugh the way they did on their phones, and make sure they feel their theatre ticket was worth it. Even if the film is not extraordinary, the promise is laughter, along with an underlying message," explains JRM.

Despite the massive reach of *Amrutha Anjan* on YouTube with over 23 million subscribers, JRM still refers to himself as a failed director, but not out of self-pity. "I am close to Rangayana Raghu. When I was convincing him, all he said was whether I could convince the audience. As a director, you should convince the audience, and that is something I should do." The lesson is clear: popularity does not replace responsibility.

With *Amrutha Anjan* being such a well-known brand through short films, did that popularity create overconfidence about cinema? Karthik puts it honestly. "The confidence was only that the same director behind the popular *Amrutha Anjan* is directing a feature film. We were sure it is going to be a hit." That trust in the director became the backbone of the transition from short-format content to feature-length cinema.

For Payal Chengappa, who became the face of Amrutha Anjan and gained strong recognition through short films before getting bigger opportunities, the journey remains emotional. "I should first thank the director for considering me, especially since I don't have any acting training or background. They did auditions, and honestly, the role chose me. Every actor wants to be seen on screen in their best version, but initially, I was darkened a few shades, and there is a scene where my face will not be detected by the phone because of my character's skin colour. Honestly, it looked awkward. But if I were hesitant at that time, I would not have landed this role, and I would not have gone viral. Every short has crossed a million views, and people recognised me through different characters. As a heroine, I always loved the next-door character, and that perspective changed everything. Being glamorous does not make a heroine. It is hard work, and people will love you for the sincerity."

Gowrav Shetty believes the success of the show is also because of how carefully each role was designed. Every actor was made to carry weight within the story, with one clear aim: entertain families, youth and every category of audience. "Doing short films is one thing, but the dream of every actor is to be seen on the big screen. That is where we reach the larger audience. When we started the shorts, we were completely new, we were blank and knew nothing. Today, we have explored more in this field. There is excitement and fear of watching ourselves in cinema."

Bhavya, who had not worked earlier with JRM in the shorts but had followed his work, recalls the surprise of being chosen. "I was initially scared of the director. I wanted to approach him for work, but having him choose me made the process all the more exciting. He has clarity in his vision."

The short films were made by pooling in small donations, but it raises questions if such a model can survive in cinema. The memory of how the producer entered the project remains vivid. JRM recalls, "It was Sudhakar who took me to the producer. I gave him a budget, and the producer gave a certain investment without expectations. We do not make films to fail at the box office, and it is only when we prepare for failure that we can see success. This is a lesson learned from failures."

While the name remains the same, the film is not a stretched version of the shorts. And this evolution started with the performance of the actors themselves. "Earlier, they would have a lot of retakes. Now, they have expertise in their own way and they are top-class. Even if the story has some mistakes, every actor's job will be appreciated." Gowrav adds, "The director gave us two months of training free of cost, gave us fame through short films, and is bringing us to the silver screen."

For Karthik, the journey feels like an experiment that turned real. "I still don't know how the director thought I could be a hero, but there was encouragement from all ends." Turning a short-film idea into a two-and-a-half-hour film was never about losing the emotional core. The story revolves around parental sacrifice and is peppered with commercial elements. "Family values remain central, drawn from personal experience. The understanding of sacrifice becomes deeper only when one becomes a parent, and that emotional layer flows naturally into the storytelling," says Karthik.

Laughter, however, remains the main promise. The actors swear by the workshops that played a major role in shaping the comedy. While Payal points out how the director imagined even the smallest mannerisms, even in the writing stage, Bhavya adds that he would perform scenes himself to guide the actors if something felt off. Jyothi reflects on how the format of shooting without background music trained them to create humour purely through performance, a discipline that now helps on the big screen.

For a director moving from short films to cinema, the belief is simple. What connects with people is observing real life around us and giving the audience a relatable mass idea. "In general, when you become a director, you should first have clarity in writing. I have made many mistakes, but making mistakes helped me become a better writer, and eventually helped me direct my vision."

The final difference between *Amrutha Anjan,* the short films and *Amrutha Anjan,* the movie is not format, but emotion. "When we did short films, there were no expectations. Today, as a film, there is excitement, and there is fear too, but we are confident. The same characters, the same humour, but now we are carrying the weight of a full-length dream that took years of setbacks, faith and learning to finally reach the big screen."

POWER OF THE COLLECTIVE

NAMRATA JOSHI

CINEMA WITHOUT BORDERS

In this weekly column, the writer introduces you to powerful cinema from across the world

Film: **Everybody to Kenmure Street**

FELIPE Bustos Sierra's Everybody to Kenmure Street took me back to a line in a song in Lagaan: "*Toot gayi joh, ungli utthi; paanch mileen toh, ban gayi mutthi* (A single, raised finger can easily be broken, but five of them together make for a mighty fist)." The stirring UK documentary, with Dame Emma Thompson as an executive producer, is all about the power of the collective. It recently premiered in the World Cinema Documentary Competition section of the ongoing Sundance Film Festival.

In this chronicle of a civil resistance foretold, the Chilean-Belgian filmmaker reconstructs one fine day in Glasgow in May 2021 when a UK Home Office morning raid to forcibly deport two residents of the racially diverse Kenmure Street was met with spontaneous protests by their friends, neighbours and well-wishers. A vast section of the multicultural population there has roots in South Asia—Pakistan, Afghanistan and India. Ironically, the protests were targeted at the policies of the then-home secretary Priti Patel, herself of Ugandan-Indian descent.

Quite ingeniously, the narrative of the film mimics the movement that it focuses on: it grows as organically as the landmark eight-hour-long sit-in protest did. What began spontaneously with a handful of people gradually saw solidarity from thousands who put a pause on their daily lives for a shared mission and occupied Kenmure Street for the two men. Like several other global movements, technology played a major ally with word about it spreading quick and fast through community message networks, WhatsApp groups, mobile cameras and live feeds. In fact, Sierra's most gargantuan filmmaking task would have been to crowdsource the scattered public footage and to then compile and arrange the archival material (special props to editor Colin Monie) into a compelling documentation, once again mirroring how the diffused group of strangers had organised itself.

Sierra places it in the context of the history of civil disobedience in Glasgow, also pointing out some of the contradictions that the city encompasses in itself—from its support for Nelson Mandela and campaign against apartheid to how it was built on slave trade and Imperialism. He further intersperses the footage with the accounts and remembrances of some of the participants from back in 2021. Much of what is vital in the film emerges from their doughty personalities, easy-going goodness, unity, and the power of direct action.

An inventive filmmaking technique is to act out the parts of some of the significant members of the public who might have, perhaps, decided not to face the camera and preferred anonymity. The actors, in this case, clearly state: "This isn't my face, but these are my words". Thompson herself steps in to play the "epicentre of things", the quick-witted "van man" who impulsively went underneath the immigration enforcement van where the two detainees had been locked and stayed voluntarily trapped the entire duration. This first gesture was a crucial delaying tactic to prevent the police vehicle from moving.

Everybody to Kenmure Street is moving, inspiring and energising in that it ultimately places optimism and hope in peaceful citizenry as opposed to turbulent politics. It's not devoid of moments of humour either, with the pile of food, from pizzas and crisps to samosas and pakoras, piling up at Kenmure Street to keep the engine of dissent well-oiled. "An act of care around a larger act of care," as one of them describes it.

Last but not least are the rhythmic chants of "Stop deportation. No borders. No nations", "No justice. No peace. No racist police", "Black and white. Unite and fight". Truly music to the ears that resonates long after the film is over. Everybody to Kenmure Street had won the Al Jazeera Documentary co-production award at Cannes Docs last year. Quite fittingly, things come full circle for it as it plays to the home audience next month as the opening film of the Glasgow Film Festival.

My brush with death made me direct a film: Pruthviraj Patil

CE FEATURES

A techie by profession and a theatre artist by passion, Pruthiviraj explains how the pandemic forced hard choices, revived unfinished dreams, and led him back to a story that became his debut film, *Vikalpa*

PRUTHVIRAJ Patil, the director of *Vikalpa*, begins by explaining the idea behind the film. It is about what happens when someone gets stuck between what is real and what is imagined. "In that state, you cannot clearly understand either," he says.

He does not begin by discussing filmmaking. Instead, he speaks about the mind, confusion, and moments when it becomes difficult to separate reality from imagination. This is not presented as a promotional statement, but as an explanation of the film's central idea. It indicates that the film is driven by personal experience rather than by a planned career decision. *Vikalpa* is scheduled to release in theatres on January 30.

"Reality looks different every day. Someone who feels kind today may feel unfamiliar tomorrow. That uncertainty is what fascinated me," he says, explaining why the idea stayed with him long before it became a film. Pruthviraj is a techie who has travelled widely and handled multiple responsibilities. By instinct, he is a theatre artist who has lived on stage since he was in class 4. "Despite being in the tech world, which has been my profession, I never left theatre, and that journey eventually pushed me to become a writer and director."

But the moment that truly forced the question of cinema came during the pandemic. Pruthviraj suffered both Covid and dengue, slipped into a coma, and was kept on life support. He also faced temporary memory loss and had to undergo imitation therapy. "I was very close to death. When I came back, I started thinking about unfinished dreams. Making a film was one of them. That experience changed how I looked at time and risk," he says.

It is here that *Vikalpa* stops being a concept and becomes a response. He returned to a script he had written in 2018, originally scribbled in a torn notebook. "In 2021, I took that script and reworked it for the present time. It took me almost a year to reshape it," he recalls.

What followed was not a rushed leap into production, but months of groundwork. "Six months went into workshops, casting, and storyboarding. We finally went to shoot in December 2022 and kept working through 2024, often while juggling our day jobs," he says.

The commitment eventually demanded a sharper choice. "I even quit my tech job in December just to make sure the film reaches release properly. I will return to work in February. If the film does well, then I will think about what comes next."

The central plot of the film deals with post-traumatic stress, but Pruthviraj refused to approach it clinically. "If I told this subject directly, it would become a documentary. I wanted it to be entertaining and intriguing," says the filmmaker, who resorted to building a unique narrative to aid this process. "I followed a hold-and-release screenplay pattern. Every twelve minutes, something shifts and unsettles you. You keep questioning whether you are watching reality or imagination. The second half answers those questions."

Piece by piece, he added different layers to the psychological thriller. "There are about fifty-eight minutes of comedy. Laughter after emotional moments has value, and I witnessed an overwhelming response at recent premiere shows, when people laughed and even got emotional. I knew we had touched something real."

Casting, too, followed the idea of invisibility over familiarity. "We wanted anonymity. We did not want star presence to interfere with the story. Nagashree Hebbar, who plays the protagonist, has performed in over 150 plays and more than 550 shows across India but is new to cinema. Ganapathi Hegde Vaddinagadde brings 35 years of theatre experience. Harini Sreekanth, who is known for her pivotal roles in cinema and television, plays the psychiatrist. She is very pragmatic in her approach and suited to what the role demanded. Most of the cast came through auditions, largely from theatre. For me, performance and character mattered more than recognition," he explains.

Pruthviraj has also written the story, screenplay, and dialogues for the film. "It was a stretch, but when you choose something out of the ordinary, you cannot expect an ordinary process. My theatre background helped me trust actors and focus on structure," he adds.

The film is produced by his wife, Indira Shivaswamy, with both stepping in as co-investors. "I also had Mithun Thirthahalli working with me on the screenplay and as associate director," he says. Interestingly, Suresh Arumugam, the editor of *Lucia* and *Drama* has worked for this film, and marks the latter's 98th project as an editor. Music is composed by Samvatsara, and cinematography is by Abhiram Gowda.

The team has planned a 30-day shooting schedule beginning in March, with portions to be filmed in Bengaluru and scenic locations in Chikkamagaluru.

While Manjukavi is composing the music and penning the lyrics for three songs, Vinay Gowda handles cinematography. The technical crew also includes editor Jeevan, background score composer Vinu Manasu, choreographers Jaggu and Balu, and publicity designer Devu.

Speaking to the media, Kiran Kumar said the story is inspired by real incidents from the life of his late friend. "In the desperation to earn fast money, people sometimes cross dangerous lines, including turning to occult practices. That is when everything begins to collapse," he said. The film follows five middle-class youngsters who migrate to the city seeking jobs but find themselves trapped by financial pressures and poor choices. What begins as ambition soon spirals into fear, with the narrative unfolding as a horror thriller layered with spiritual and ritualistic elements.

Ready or Not 2 gets an early release

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THE much-awaited sequel to Ready or Not, starring Samara Weaving, is now set for release on March 20. Ready or Not 2: Here I Come, directed by Matt Bettinelli-Olpin and Tyler Gillett, was earlier planned for a release on April 10. It was announced late last year that the release had been moved up to March 27, before getting pushed again. With the new release date, the film is set to clash with the release of Ryan Gosling's Project Hail Mary.

Youngsters take the proverbial route with *Vinasha Kaale*

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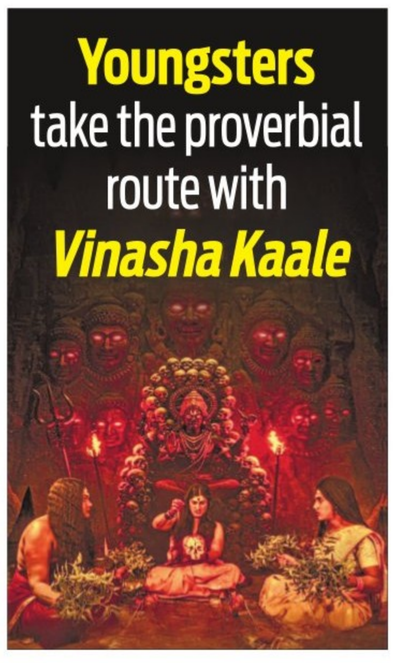

DRAWING from the age-old Kannada proverb "*Vinasha Kaale Vipareetha Buddhi*" (when destruction nears, the mind turns reckless), a new team of filmmakers have titled their upcoming horror thriller Vinasha Kaale, signalling a story rooted in human folly and its consequences.

The film was launched on Republic Day, with former association president BM Harish giving the first clap and wishing the team success. Bigg Boss contestants Dog Satish, Mallamma and Karibasappa were present at the launch to support the newcomers. The project is being produced under the Shakti Films banner.

Marking his directorial debut, S Kiran Kumar from Tumakuru has written both the story and screenplay after spending nearly five years working with various filmmakers. The cast features Pavani Siri, Rishika Gowda, Vaishnavi, Srinidhi and Rachana in lead roles. Joining them are Shobha, Mandya Siddu, Mallamma, Pravalika and Disha. While five female actors have been finalised, the remaining male cast is expected to be locked soon.